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An indoor leisure complex is back on Island agenda

THE future direction of Barry Island as a tourist resort could be decided in the depths of this winter, if the Vale Council gives the go-ahead for an indoor entertainment venue on the site of the Pleasure Park.

If the scheme does get the green light, it will be welcomed by Island traders who are constantly frustrated that when the rains come, the visitors go.

It would give day trippers somewhere to go when the heavens open, and mean that when the sun comes

back out, the Island hasn't lost the customers.

Businessman Ian Rogers, who is proposing the indoor complex, said this winter was likely to see progress in the plans.

"We are very hopeful now - the consultants have said that we are nearly there."

"It means we could put plans to the council in late December or early in the New Year."

Mr Rogers confirmed that the proposal included plans for a cinema.

The complex would also include 10-pin bowling, arcades and dodgems.

Marco Zeraschi,

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN



LEFT: If plans go through for a new indoor leisure venue at the Island, outdoor rides like this one may become a thing of the past.

Vernon Studt, the Swansea showman who has provided rides at the Pleasure Park on a lease basis in recent years, said that if work wasn't under way by next Easter, he hoped to return.

"This year, we didn't lose as many days as last year and we improved the attractions that were on offer."

"People were very happy with the new rides."

"I'm confident that if work isn't starting on the site next Easter, that something can be worked out to bring the rides back for next year."

The Pleasure Park will be open over the weekends throughout September, but deliberations later this year or early next year, will determine whether it returns in its current format.

who owns Marco's Cafe on the promenade, said a large indoor venue was essential for the Island's long-term future.

He pointed out that this summer season had provided the perfect example.

"We had a fantastic start to the summer season, but it petered away."

"July and August were rainy - and when the rain comes, people disappear."

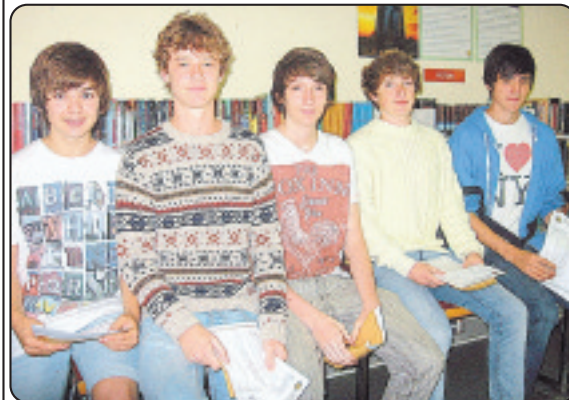
"I've seen the plans and they could 'make' Barry Island - it would be better than the Red

Dragon Centre at Cardiff Bay.

"Don't forget, we have a big advantage over Cardiff Bay in a direct rail link."

Mr Zeraschi added that Claire Evans and Sarah Jones of the Vale Council, had done a great job in organising a number of outdoor events throughout the summer to support local traders, and that more 'wet weather' facilities were the missing piece in the jigsaw.

If the Vale Council supports the leisure complex proposal, work could start next year.



ABOVE:

Among those celebrating their GCSE results were students at Barry Comprehensive School (from left to right) Kyle Jones-Niblett, Tom Rees, James Cassam, Isaac Mayne and Dale Booker.
(SEE MORE PICTURES AND A REPORT ON PAGE 5).

Local GCSE students exceed Welsh average

SCHOOLS in Barry and the rest of the Vale produced GCSE results last week that exceeded the Welsh average.

There were improvements on last year's A and A* grades, with 24.5 per cent of results falling within those categories. That compared with a Welsh average of 19.5 per cent.

There was also further improvement on last year's figures at A* - C, with 70.2 per cent of Vale pupils achieving these grades. That compared with a Welsh average of 66.5 per cent.

Overall, 98.7 per cent of entries in the Vale achieved an A* to G pass.

Coun Tony Hampton, cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, congratulated pupils and schools on their outstanding results.

He said: "These results are a credit to pupils and reflect the excellence of our

teaching staff within the Vale."

Bryan Jeffreys, the county's director of learning and development, added: "The news that pupils in the Vale are continuing to achieve such high academic standards is something we can all be proud of."

"We will now analyse this year's results data and work closely with the schools to ensure we can build on these successes in the future."

For many 16-year-olds in Barry and Penarth, A-Level courses will be the next step, others will join college courses or try to get jobs. (For youngsters looking for jobs, there is an education feature on page 13 of this week's GEM, explaining how Careers Wales can be of help).

• To find out what youngsters and their headteachers thought of the results, please turn to pages 5, 15, 19 and 30.

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Money spent on 'star attractions'

DUE to the astonishing letter from Sully councillor Anthony Ernest, in the past few weeks there have been several letters from the public asking where the millions have been spent at Barry Island.

I, too, am also wondering. I can only assume he must be referring to the £7 million of taxpayers' money that has been poured into the 'Steam Train' tourist railway over the years.

Yes, another great attraction that opens on only a handful of days each year, and even when it does open, never seems to run an actual steam train.

Recycling is good – if used properly

SOME of the letters complaining about recycling never fail to amaze me, and the letter from Mr Marc Delaney in a recent edition is a classic example.

I believe he was the author of another letter that appeared in your letters page a few weeks before – not about recycling that time. What planet is he living on?

He mentions having to use extra water to wash out items for recycling and the extra cost involved. What about the water after the dishes have been washed? Or has he a dishwasher? If so, that shoots the argument down in flames

Water solution

WITH reference to Marc Delaney's letter on August 18, I'm also a pensioner using a water meter.

Why doesn't he do what I do? Use the washing-up water to rinse out all the food containers after doing the dishes?

It's hardly 'rocket science', is it?
Alex Campbell, Barry

Why risk our cars?

IRECENTLY went to Llandow civic amenities site to dispose of some rubbish and the road through Llandow trading estate has so many potholes it should be closed to traffic – as it's a dangerous menace.

If the owners of this private road will not fill in these potholes, the council should locate this facility elsewhere.

Why should we risk damage to our cars to dispose of rubbish in a responsible manner?
G Smith, Llantwit Major

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Or maybe Mr Ernest is referring to the quarter of a million being spent on the Barry Island 'Outdoor Gymnasium'? Perhaps he may wish to borrow my barometer for this one?

I'm sure many people in this town would have wished that the quarter of a million had been used to earmark the site for a cinema and attract a potential operator.

At least it would have been usable all year round, and give the people of Barry something to have been proud of.

Of course, with Mr Ernest not living in Barry, would he even care? He has a cinema right on his doorstep – in Cardiff Bay.

Jonathan Osborne, Barry

because they use ten times more water.

I think the recycling scheme is a good thing and, if used properly, there would not be the problem about bin bags being ripped open by all and sundry – thus making the streets cleaner.

A new scheme will be introduced in September/October, where we will have a weekly recycling collection, making it even easier for all householders.

I would like to see the Vale Council put in as much effort into filling in the pot holes in the roads as they do about black bin bags and recycling collection.

I hope this will be the end of the saga.
Mr Brian Kirke, Barry.

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Punching above our weight to support Vale cancer hospice

LAST month, I was given a tour of the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity's hospice in Penarth.

What strongly stood out to me was the dedication of the 100 or so staff, and a similar number of volunteers, who work so hard to provide the best possible quality of life for those with terminal cancer.

This type of work is inevitably emotionally draining, particularly when the patients

involved are young.

Full credit must, therefore, go to all those involved in providing the excellence of care I witnessed first hand.

Karen Stephens, the manager of the Penarth hospice, explained during the tour how they are indebted to the fundraising efforts that go on throughout the year.

Much of the credit for this charity work, she said, must go to the local community, who are very supportive of the hospice.

I hope this close link between the hospice and

the community continues and, indeed, flourishes, in the years to come – as it allows the standards of the hospice to remain at their high level.

One crucial source of fundraising is the Great Daffodil Appeal which coincides with St David's Day. I have been told that more daffodils from the Marie Curie Cancer Care appeal are

sold in Wales than in any other country within the UK.

I hope that here in Wales we can retain our proud fundraising record for Marie Curie and continue to punch above our weight in the amount of support we give to hospices.

Leanne Wood
(Plaid Cymru AM for South Wales Central)

Cylch Meithrin says thank you

THROUGH your letters page, and on behalf of the staff and committee of Cylch Meithrin Llanilltud Fawr, I would like to say a big thank you to all the local businesses that generously donated prizes for our recent raffle, which raised more than £250.

The cylch has been open only since January, but with the opening of Ysgol Dewi Sant in September, and tireless work from the staff and volunteer committee, it is an inviting, warm, friendly and caring playgroup.

We are looking forward to the new academic year. *Diolch!*
Emma Griffiths
(Treasurer, Cylch Meithrin, Llanilltud Fawr)

'REMOVE THE BOULDERS!'

WELL, once again the subject of (Llantwit Major) beach access is raised in your newspaper. Oh no, I hear the council say. Not again.

Well, another summer season has been and gone, and visitors to the Vale (and locals as well) have once again had to travel further afield to use a beach if they have even the slightest disability.

Well, another summer season has been and gone, and visitors to the Vale (and locals as well) have once again had to travel further afield to use a beach if they have even the slightest disability.

I myself have been unable to use the beach for a number of years, because every time, I find the path blocked by boulders. This is despite the council promising to clear them on a regular basis.

Other resorts manage to provide access, why can't we? Let's return the beach to its former glory. Remove those hideous boulders once and for all!

Roger Westall,
Llantwit Major

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John Richfield,
St Athan
(Volunteer helper)

SADNESS AT FAIR CANCELLATION

EVERY summer since we first discovered it, my family and I have visited the Cosmeston Medieval Village Fair.

It is something that we look forward to each year and we always find something new to do and see.

People come from a long way to experience the sights and sounds in the medieval village. There are trade stalls, entertainments and attractions specific to the era it is set in.

This year, being unsure as to the exact dates of the fair, we visited Cosmeston to make sure we could plan our day properly.

The improvements to the facilities there are wonderful, with a refurbished visitors' centre, a brilliant interactive, computerised map of the country park and a much safer car park surface.

We asked the assistant behind the counter in the visitors' centre when the fair was. My children were devastated to hear that it had been cancelled due to council spending cuts, and that there were to be no more events in the village for

the foreseeable future. We did our best to cheer the children up by feeding the birds at the lakes and taking them to the playground there, but sadly it ruined our plans for the entire weekend. Not even an ice-cream at the Sand Art Festival on Barry Island could make them happy again.

I can understand that this is a difficult time financially for councils and they are having to tighten their belts, but surely the medieval fair pays for itself just from the visitor numbers?

It also draws more people to local towns and businesses.

There was no mention of the cancellation on the various websites that advertise the event. I was told that not even the staff found out about it until recently.

It seems to be a step backward to cancel it, and the other events that are held in the medieval village every year.

I filled out a questionnaire at the visitors' centre and added a note expressing my disappointment at the cancellation.

I just hope that other people have complained so that the fair is brought back next year.

Mandy Ward, Rhooose

'Please clear this rubbish!'

IN the January 6 edition of the GEM, you published a letter from me (for the second time) criticising the trustees of the Memorial Hall, Barry, for failing to clear rubbish and black bags nestling in the hedge-row and shrubs fronting St Paul's Avenue, Barry.

Recently, after attending a ceremony in commemoration of the Burma campaign, in which two of my late uncles served, with the Royal Welch Fusiliers and RAF respectively, I went to view the same hedgerow.

Horror of horrors! The same bags are STILL there, eight months on from the second letter and almost a year from my first.

What do these trustees and/or councillors do? Don't they have any pride in our town? The town they want to rule, and for which they canvass our votes.

Come on, ladies and gentlemen of the council, take off your robes and chains of office and let's have some action, not just fine words.

PS: In my January letter, I did offer to do the job myself, for a small fee. No response was received.

Christopher Short, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
01 Thur	10.18	10.3	22.39	10.5
02 Fri	11.02	10.2	23.21	10.1
03 Sat	11.43	9.7	23.59	9.3
04 Sun			12.32	9.0
05 Mon	00.49	8.6	13.28	8.3
06 Tues	02.03	7.9	14.47	7.9
07 Wed	03.38	7.6	16.17	7.9
08 Thur	05.09	7.9	17.38	8.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Thompson Street £1million facelift is almost complete

FOLLOWING months of work, the £1million regeneration of Thompson Street is almost complete.

The facelift to one of Barry's best known streets includes improvements to the pavements and road, the introduction of parking bays and stylish new street lights.

The Vale councillor for the local Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, told The GEM he was delighted with the new look.

"I am pleased with the project so far. The final phase is the introduction of new trees and I understand they will be planted in October.

"The investment has seen Thompson Street

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

transformed, with new drainage, new lighting, new parking bays and a complete new layout which has seen a total change in the street scene – for the better in my view."

Coun Elmore pointed out that Thompson Street is an important upgraded link between the town and Barry Waterfront.

"The regeneration of the street is the last piece of the jigsaw following the completion of the Thompson Street footbridge some 18 months ago.

"It now gives an excellent impression to locals and tourists alike who will use the town centre after events at the Waterfront like the Tall Ships Festival this com-

ing weekend."

Coun Elmore stressed that efforts now needed to be made to bring major retailers into the town.

He said: "The Vale Council does need to do more to bring facilities, in terms of shops, chain stores, independent retailers and leisure services like a cinema.

"The regeneration of this area is excellent news, but now we need to get more people and more businesses into the town."

Eileen Moore, the manager of the local drop-in centre, said that despite disruption for local residents while the work was ongoing, people had welcomed the work because of the long term benefits.

One final question remains on the future of Thompson Street. What will happen to the magistrates' court building which is set for closure this December?

It is owned by Her Majesty's Court Service and is likely to be put on the open market. Among the suggestions by local people so far have been

that it should be renovated and become an arts centre or cinema, or that it could house small to medium businesses in an arcade. Another possibility is that it could become a site for housing.

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Coun Chris Elmore has welcomed the new look, but stressed that in the long term, there had to be a strategy to attract new businesses and retailers to Barry.

Barry town council's fond farewell to the clerk

THE executive officer of Barry Town Council, Mr Derek Wolfe, is retiring after seven years of service.

A council spokesman said: "Derek leaves with the best wishes and thanks of all the councillors and staff and will now be able to spend more time with his family in Axminster."

He will be succeeded by Cliff Lewis, who has been appointed town clerk and Angie Norman, who will be the deputy town clerk.

They will take up their new roles on September 5.

Mr Wolfe told The GEM: "I have decided to retire early which,

apart from anything else, will enable me to spend much more time with my family, especially since becoming a grandfather for the second and third time on July 2, when my step-daughter Katrina gave birth to twin girls."

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JAIL SENTENCE FOR STUN GUN MAN (59)

POLICE had a shock when they went to a house in Penarth to search for drugs.

They discovered no drugs, but in the lounge they found a stun gun, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

At the time, its owner, 59-year-old Jeffrey Phillips, was on a suspended sentence for possessing a flick knife.

Unemployed Phillips, of Andrew Road, Penarth, had pleaded guilty before Vale Magistrates to unlawfully possessing the stun gun and had been committed to crown court for sentence.

He also admitted a breach of the suspended sentence and was jailed for six months.

Judge Nicholas

Cooke told him: "You must have understood that by possessing a stun gun you committed an offence within the period of a suspended sentence".

He pointed out that the dangers of such guns had recently been mentioned in the press.

Prosecutor Rob Hawkins said that on July 18, police searched his home under the misuse of drugs act.

They found no drugs, but spotted a stun gun in the lounge.

"Phillips said it was for self-protection because he had been involved in an incident in the past, and he said he had been let down by the police".

Mr Hawkins said that Phillips had complained about an assault in 2004.

Report by AJ SICLUNA

He said that on July 9, 2009, at about 4.20pm, police in Barry received a call about someone driving around the town and drinking in the vehicle.

The car was stopped, Phillips was the driver, and inside they found a baseball bat and a flick

knife. The judge described the knife as a "nasty weapon".

Phillips' counsel, Hash Salman, said the suspended sentence had to be activated, unless it was unjust to do so. The most aggravating feature of the case, he said, was the breach of the suspended sentence.

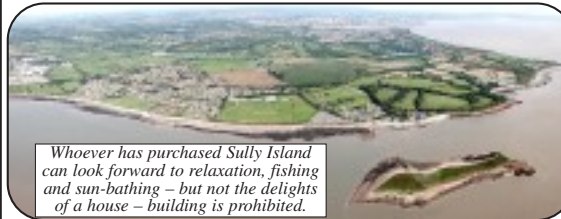
He added that the stun gun was not in his possession in a public place,

and there was no evidence that he had ever used it, brandished it, or threatened anyone with violence with it.

"He was astonishingly stupid and irresponsible in not getting rid of it."

Mr Salman said that in 2004, his home was burgled. He reported it to the police but was not satisfied with the response.

UK buyer wins race to own Sully Island



Whoever has purchased Sully Island can look forward to relaxation, fishing and sun-bathing – but not the delights of a house – building is prohibited.

SULLY ISLAND, one of the Vale coast's great landmarks, has been sold.

The island, just a few hundred yards across a causeway from the

Captain's Wife Public House, affords magnificent views up and down the Bristol Channel and across to Weston-super-

Mare. Cooke & Arkwright of Bridgend recently put the prestige land-holding up for sale at £95,000 – and beat the asking price thanks to interest from across the world.

A spokesman for Cooke & Arkwright, Chris Hyde, told The GEM: "We're confident the sale will go through shortly – there are just a

few T's to cross and I's to dot. We had interest from as far away as Hong Kong and Belize, and a little nearer to home in Holland.

"However, I can say that the person or persons (who are purchasing) are UK-based.

"We also exceeded our guide price by quite a bit."

The owner joins an exclusive club of people across the world, like Sir Richard Branson, who own their own island.

Unlike Sir Richard, the owner won't face the problem of having an island home burning down – building is prohibited on Sully Island.

'An unforgettable' experience on Rotary's Beacons leadership course

A local student has described a Rotary leadership course held in the Brecon Beacons National Park as "an unforgettable experience".

Danielle Davis, who lives in Rhosce with her parents and brother, attended one of the many Rotary Youth Leadership Award camps that are run world-wide.

She told The GEM: "My whole time on the course was an unforgettable experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone else who gets the opportunity."

Every year, the Rotary organisation offers people between the ages of 16 and 18 the opportunity to attend one of its camps.

The ethos is to present the participants with new and demanding challenges so that young people can develop leadership skills to equip them as future leaders in their communities.

The course for candidates sponsored from south Wales Rotary Clubs was run again this year at the Dolygaer Outdoor Centre situated in the Brecon Beacons National Park.

All the activities are run by professionals and youth leaders.



Danielle Davis.

It meant Danielle joined other youngsters from across south Wales and spent the best part of a week experiencing activities such as canoeing, caving, mountaineering, adventure walking and orienteering.

In doing so, young people develop their leadership and communication skills at an important stage in their own lives.

Danielle, a year-10 pupil at Llantwit Major comprehensive school, said: "I really enjoyed my time at the Rotary Youth Leadership Award."

"I met a load of new people and made great friends with them."

"The course was insightful, and definitely helped me improve my leadership skills as well as my team building skills."

"We were given tasks such as caving, canoeing and navigating."

"I had the opportuni-

ty to lead caving. It was great fun as I found caving an exciting and enjoyable experience."

"During the expedition, I felt responsible for my team which made me more focused and able to lead the team into the cave."

Danielle is currently studying A-Levels in maths, biology, chemistry and PE, before applying for a place in university for next year.

In her spare time she enjoys gymnastics and holds the National Pool Lifeguard Qualification. She has recently been on work experience in hospitals and sees her future career as working in medicine or sports science.

Rotary Club of Llantwit Major president, Neville Farthing, said that Rotary attempts to offer assistance to many organisations of all ages and abilities.

"Encouraging young people who are likely to become the leaders of tomorrow to develop their skills is an essential part of what Rotary does."

"I am very pleased that once again this year Llantwit Major Comprehensive School has helped us to select an excellent candidate in Danielle. We look forward to watching her progress," he added.

Police appeal over collision

POLICE are appealing for information following an incident on Church Road, Penarth, between 6pm on Saturday, August 13 and 9am on Monday, August 15, when an unknown vehicle collided with the front near-side wing of a stationary and unattended silver-coloured Honda Accord and drove off without stopping.

Officers are appealing to anyone who witnessed the collision, or who has information, to call 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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'Careless parking is smashing up pavements'

A neighbourhood watch coordinator in a town centre street claims pavements are being wrecked due to careless parking.

In one small stretch of Vale Street, from number 1 to number 13, there are more than 50 paving slabs with cracks.

Richard Bravery, told The GEM: "The pavement is a hazard and unsightly."

Mr Bravery doesn't blame the Vale Council, although he has drawn its attention to the fractured slabs.

"The problem is caused by people who are impatient and can't be bothered to park carefully."

"Instead, they park haphazardly, often mounting the pavement. There are dozens of paving slabs that have cracks."

"Sometimes it's lorries that are delivering to local businesses, but local people are also responsible. At one time,

we were advised to take down licence plate numbers, but people quickly get aggressive and ask: "Why are you taking my number?"

Vale Street is one of a number of terraced streets that links Salisbury Road and Park Crescent.

In frustration Mr Bravery has reported the problem to the Vale Council.

"They said they would only rectify if parts of the slabs showed a difference in height of at least a matchbox deep."

"In view of that, I'm not expecting them to replace the slabs, but they should consider tarmacking the pavements as they have in Glamorgan Street."

Of course, the Vale Council, faced by a squeeze on budgets, wouldn't have to consider remedial work to pavements if people parked properly.

Volunteers are sought for beach clean-up

PORThKERRY Country Park is appealing for volunteers to help with a beach clean on Sunday, September 18, as part of the Marine Conservation Society's (MCS) 'Beachwatch' survey.

Volunteers will work alongside a team from the charity, to highlight beach litter problems.

Porthkerry Country Park ranger, Mel Stewart, explained: "The tide of litter washing up on our shores is not just unpleasant to look at, it can harm and even kill some of our best loved marine wildlife."

"Over 170 species, including sea birds, turtle, and whales, have mistaken marine litter for food and actually eaten it. In many cases, this has resulted in starvation,

poisoning and ultimately a slow, painful death."

Plastic packaging and discarded fishing nets also injure, entangle and drown some of Britain's favourite marine animals, including seals and dolphins.

Mel added: "This event will not only make the beach look better, but will also help MCS identify where the litter comes from so we can try to stop it at source. It's the biggest beach clean we have had at Porthkerry to date and it promises to be a fun and informative social occasion."

The event starts at 10.30am on Sunday, September 18. Contact Mel Stewart via email at porthkerry@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or telephone 01446 733 589.

Information can also be found online at www.mcsuk.org

BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS GCSE RESULTS



ABOVE:
Josh Hopkin will
join the sixth form
in September.



ABOVE:
Pupils were featured on television
broadcasts throughout the day.

Best GCSE results at St Richard Gwyn



FOLLOWING on from an excellent inspection in January 2011, St Richard Gwyn has achieved its best-ever GCSE results.

Headteacher Mike Clinch commented: "Bucking the national trend, our boys outperformed the girls by five per cent. Four out of five of our boys achieved all A-C grades.

"It's all down to the hard work and dedication of both staff and pupils."

Head boy Reuben Mitchell, achieved 2A*, 8A and 2Bs; head girl Madison Ramsden, achieved 6A* and 5As; James Robson, achieved 8A*s and 3 As; and top performer Tomos Power, achieved 11 A*s!

"As a Catholic community, we are delighted that some of our pupils have overcome considerable difficulties to achieve results which will secure their futures. Well done to all our pupils," the head added.

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

do A-Levels, and possibly go to university.

As the pupils were handed the results by staff, the TV cameras were rolling because the school was featured on BBC Wales and S4C during the day.

The headmaster, Mr David Swallow, commented: "I am delighted with the GCSE results, which follow on from last week's success at A-Level and reflect the school's on-going commitment to learning and teaching.

"Results demonstrate that Barry Comprehensive School has built a solid foundation of success over the last few years, with pupils, staff and parents working together. This is the real key to sustaining

and improving standards."

Among the successes was Jacques Sloman, aged 16, who would like a career in medicine.

He told The GEM: "I'm really happy. I got 10 A grades and now I'll go on to take A-Levels in maths, chemistry, biology and English.

"My plan is to go to university and study medicine with the aim of becoming a psychiatrist. I'd also like to do research at university."

Josh Albertides achieved five A grades and one A* grade.

He explained: "I'm pretty happy with that. The A* was in maths which was what I wanted - I'll be taking maths at A-Level.

"I'll also be taking A-Levels in biology and chemistry, but haven't decided what my fourth A-Level will be."

Lloyd Meyrick opened his results to find two As, four Bs, and a merit in sport.

"I'm very happy, because I'd decided that anything above a C grade would do me. I also passed IT and communications level 2.

"Next, I'll be taking A-Levels in maths, chemistry, biology and physics.

"Coming in this morning, there were nerves, but there was excitement, too.

"I'd eventually like to study at Cardiff University."

Josh Hopkin said: "I was slightly nervous as to whether the hard work would pay off, but I'm particularly happy that I got Bs in English and maths - now I want to

study theatre, film and media and English literature at A-Level."

Another pupil hoping to make theatre studies part of his A-Level course is Tom Evans.

He explained: "I'm pleased with the results and will want to take A-Levels in theatre studies, creative media, music and biology.

"I haven't started to think about university yet."

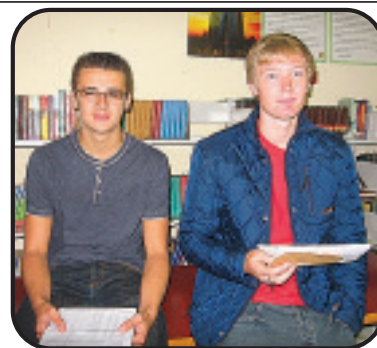
Campbell Prosser was happy with his results and already has plans for university. "First I'll be taking A-Levels in geography, PE, biology and English literature and language."

Zak Brown was pleasantly surprised. "I did better than I thought I would, and now I want to take A-Levels, including computer studies, film and ICT."

Among the many other successes, were: Clayton Barnes (seven A grades); Elliot Clissold (five A* grades and three A grades); Isaac Mayne (three A* grades and four A grades); Jack Pierce (one A* and five A grades); Tom Rees (four A* grades and five A grades); Matthew Williams (eight A* grades and three A grades).



ABOVE:
Tom Evans wants
to do theatre
studies over the
next two years.



ABOVE:
Jacques Sloman and Josh Albertides are
looking forward to their A-Levels.



ABOVE:
A-grade student
Lloyd Meyrick was
delighted to get a
merit in sport, too.



ABOVE:
Campbell Prosser and Zak Brown already
know their preferences for the A-Level course.

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See you all next year!
**Ann Lush, Penarth,
hon vice-president of
The Children's Society.**

**See more
GCSE
results
from the
area on
page 19 of
this week's
GEM.**



ABOVE: Paul Beck - business manager, Biffa (site operators); Rob Bryan - site manager Raymond Brown Construction (site constructors); Miles Punter - Head of visible services, Vale of Glamorgan Council; Coun G Kemp - Leader, Vale Council; Coun Geoff Cox - cabinet member for visible and building services, Vale Council; Martin Jones - SW (muni) regional manager, Biffa (site operators); Clifford Parish - operational manager waste management and cleansing, Vale Council; Michael Clogg - principal engineer (highways) Vale Council.

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Co-mingled recycling in the Vale

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www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/recycle

State of the art waste recycling centre opens

A NEW household waste recycling centre for the Vale at Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry, has now been opened.

Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, and cabinet member for visible and building services, Coun Geoff Cox, officially opened the new centre. Coun Kemp said: "It is imperative that we continue to divert as much material as possible from landfill and meet recycling targets set by the Welsh Assembly Government. The provision of efficient recycling facilities, such as this new larger site, should enable us to work in partnership with our residents to achieve this goal."

The new site is situated approximately three quarters of a kilometre away from the old site on Hayes Road in Sully; it is accessed by the same route and is signposted.

College blazes a trail in the 'Bacc'

UWC Atlantic College students are celebrating success in the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma exams.

Acting principal, Paul Motte, said: "This year's performance by UWC Atlantic College students in their IB exams equals the best on record. "I congratulate them all on their success and wish them well wherever their future takes them."

UWC Atlantic College students achieved an average IB score of 35.7, with 20 per cent of those students achieving 40 points or more.

"The world average this year was 28.8 points.

This year's graduating students have accepted offers of places at Harvard, Yale, Oxford, Cambridge, Princeton, MIT, Stanford, Williams, Middlebury, Warwick, UCL and St Andrews, among others.

FIRM DAZZLES TECHNIQUEST SUMMER SHOW

DOW CORNING added to the excitement of this year's new summer show at Techniquest with demonstrations of practical chemistry to members of the public.

The Colourful Chemistry show, which will be shown throughout the summer holidays at Techniquest, has a new interactive bubble-racing exhibit sponsored by Dow Corning, which incorporates the company's own silicone fluid.

This exhibit, which will be on permanent display in the museum, uses air bubbles in a viscous silicone fluid to demonstrate how fast different size bubbles



LEFT: Colourful chemistry experiments were the order of the day!

move through a thick liquid. During the launch day, scientists from Dow Corning explained to visitors the method of transforming hard, solid, silicon metal into clear liquids and coloured rubbers - a process which is carried out at their Barry site. Additionally, they prepared some colourful demonstrations of practical chemistry, using a range of solutions to show colour changes used to indicate the progress of chemical reactions.

"Chemists don't spend nearly enough time talking to people about all those everyday applications we take for granted - which are enhanced by silicone, such as personal care products and components for high-technology engines," said Bob Connell, quality engineer at Dow Corning.

Theft from farm stables

MORE than £1,000 worth of riding equipment was stolen from stables at Gwern Y Gedrych Farm, sometime between 4.10pm on Saturday, August 27 and 8am on Sunday.

A large quantity of riding equipment was stolen, including saddles, sticks, bridles, boots, hats and chaps.

Sergeant Paul Revers of the Llantwit Major Neighbourhood Policing Team said:

"We are interested in anyone who may have seen any suspicious persons or vehicles during the night, or even during the week leading up to the burglary.

"We would also appeal to anyone who is offered such items for sale to come forward and contact the police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

Roadworks round-up

Thompson Street, Barry and Dock View Road, Barry - temporary traffic control.

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Celebrating the hard work and success of our young people

IN the days leading up to the A-Levels, AS and Welsh Baccalaureate results, there are many nervous young people awaiting the news which will help point the way to the next steps in their education and employment prospects.

Every year, the hard work and achievements of our young people in the Vale of Glamorgan shown in their results

have been celebrated by families, friends, schools, colleges and the students themselves. Every year, there are improvements, with the Vale pupils delivering outstanding results.

The Vale provides a beacon of achievement in Wales with the steadily-improving results. Congratulations to the 7% who gained an A* grade at A level compared with the 6.3 per cent Welsh average, but the overall achievements of 91.4 per cent of all Vale pupils achieving an A level is extremely welcome news for all those who

were waiting to see if they had the grades necessary for university or for the highly esteemed vocational routes to employment.

Apprenticeships will be the preferred option for many, with the Welsh Baccalaureate providing that width of experience which can help with 'employability' at this vital time in a young person's life.

That is where our responsibilities in Welsh Government are so important in protecting the funding for skills in our Budget, to make sure we respond to the needs of employers and the jobs market.

Our commitment to a new Welsh Jobs Fund for young people will be delivered to make sure that young people do have these opportunities, despite the weakened and unstable economy as recent labour market statistics have shown.

The 16-plus age group is at the forefront of our Welsh Government priorities. We owe it to them to provide the advice, support and funding to open doors which will impact on their future lives.

The GCSE results are

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Vale AM
JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

as important as the A and AS level achievements. Again, our Vale pupils did so well as borne out by the 24.5 per cent A and A* grades achieved compared to the 19.5 per cent Welsh average and the 70.2 per cent of Vale pupils achieving A*-C grades – compared with the 66.5 per cent Welsh average.

Importantly, at this stage of a young person's educational achievement over 98 per cent of entries came in with a A* to G pass.

Careers Wales is offering a wide range of support and advice for young people at each

stage, encouraging all our young people to consider their next steps for further academic and vocational routes.

Advisers are available and you can contact Careers Wales online at www.careers-wales.co.uk.

Every year, I write to all the headteachers of our secondary schools to congratulate and thank them for their leadership and their staff for their commitment and skills.

This message will go out again this year, but we have a major responsibility to our young people in these uncertain times.

As I prepare for the coming weeks of setting the most constrained Budget with my colleagues in the Welsh Government, I know

that the priorities we have set must support young people.

Realising their potential will help renew our economy and protect our public services.

I hope and trust this commitment will be shared by all those who have a responsibility in government, business and education.

We are proud of our young people for achieving such success in their exam results.

Can we also send out best wishes to Vale gymnast Kiera Brennan from Barry, who is in the gymnastics (women's team event) taking part in the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Isle of Man in September www.facebook.com/teamwales?

Another Barry star!

ADVICE SURGERY

COUNS Jeff James and Gordon Kemp will **not** be holding their regular advice surgery on the first Saturday of September, owing to a 'Vale on the Road' event in Penarth.

"This is an event where all cabinet members make themselves available to members of the public to come and ask questions," Coun James explained.

"The next Rhose advice surgery will be on Saturday, October 1, and then on the first Saturday of November, with the next on the first Monday in January," Coun James added.

OBITUARY

Joan Chatterton

THE funeral took place on August 15, at the Mid Glamorgan Crematorium, Coychurch, of a much-loved and popular lady, Mrs Joan Elizabeth Chatterton (aged 84 years).



Joan Chatterton.

She was born in the village of Williamstown in the Rhondda. On leaving formal education at the tender age of 14, Joan began her working life learning the craft of artificial flower making.

During the war years, she was employed at the Bridgend Munitions factory.

One of Joan's favourite hobbies was winemaking, which visiting friends often enjoyed, and she was also a keen artist, painting in oils.

Joan had lived in Colwynston for 30 years and took a keen interest in village activities. She

was also a member of the Treos-based Young at Heart Club.

Everyone who knew Joan admired the courage she had shown during the past weeks of her illness. She will be remembered with love by her daughters, Linda and Ann, and their brother Vernon, and her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Our thoughts are with Joan's family at this unhappy time.

NANCY DAVIDGE

EISTEDDFOD FUNDRAISERS

A CAR boot sale, to raise funds for the 2012 National Eisteddfod in the Vale, will be held at Llandow Circuit, Llandow, on Sunday, September 4 at 10am-3pm (£5 per car).

Facilities include hardstanding, toilets, and café. Contact niaeinir@btinternet.com or Ros Lewis, on 01446 793530.

Craft tasters

CRAFT taster lessons will be held on Saturday, September 10 at Llantian Hall, Llantwit Major.

Try a new craft with instruction from experienced artists and crafters, and take home what you make.

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A group of beginners enjoyed learning how to windsurf at Cosmeston Lakes Country Park at a free taster day, using kit bought with funding from the Community Chest grants scheme.

Vale beginners sample a windsurfing taster day

THE thrills and spills of windsurfing have been experienced for the first time by a group of beginners in the Vale – thanks to a free taster day run by the Barry Windsurfing Association.

The club was recently awarded a Community Chest grant of £1,500 to help buy some new sails and boards which are ideal for helping learners to get to grips with the sport – and the new kit was put to good use at the taster day.

Complete beginners were able to learn on the calm water at Cosmeston Lakes Country Park in Penarth, while an intermediate session was held later in the day in more testing conditions at the Knap in Barry.

Self-confessed windsurfing addict, Jon Greatrex, secretary of the Barry Windsurfing Association, said: "The

Community Chest grant has helped us to publicise the sport to a lot of new people and show them everything that is great about windsurfing. It's a sport that is open to everyone.

"Whether you are eight years old or 80, as long as you are reasonably active, you can get involved – and you'll soon catch the bug."

Jon added: "The Barry Windsurfing Association can help anyone who is interested in the sport to get started and we can

lend them equipment, too. There are a lot of really talented windsurfers in the Vale and the UK as a whole.

"We can help those who show potential, so that they follow the right path to (hopefully) one day emulate the likes of Bryony Shaw, who became the first British woman to win an Olympic medal in the sport when she won bronze at Beijing in 2008."

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

FRACKING IN THE VALE STILL A THORNY ISSUE

LAST week's GEM highlighted that a new application has been submitted for the exploration of gas here in the Vale.

This follows an application made earlier this year to explore near Llandow, which was withdrawn following public protest and widespread concern.

The developers are considering using a controversial process known as 'fracking' to extract any gas discovered.

Many objections were submitted on the last occasion and it is important that anyone concerned about the application sends another letter relating to this re-submitted application.

If 200 people submitted objections last time, and only 100 this time, it could be legitimate for the developer to argue that the other 100 are satisfied with the new application.

It is also essential that objections relate to the exploration for gas, rather than 'fracking.' This application relates only to exploration.

Objections based on the extraction of shale gas will be dismissed and not be relevant to this application.

Many objectors made this mistake last time.

The developers will argue that shale gas mining would need a new planning application that would be considered on its own merits.

My prime concerns relate to the fact that if millions of pounds worth of gas is found during any explo-



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

ration, then the weight of the argument will sway in favour of the developer and extraction.

The Vale is a great place to live and work; and I want it to remain that way. It has small rural villages, a fantastic coastline, country roads and a focus on agriculture to the west and the vibrancy of Barry, Wales' largest town to the east, with its own coastline, history and heritage.

Any future gas exploration could put this at risk.

From my postbag, concerns are wide and far ranging. However, to

have the strongest impact, the reasons for objection need to relate to local and national planning policy.

The most relevant are concerns that relate to noise, the impact on the aspiration for the area; tourism, the green environment and the effect on local highways.

The proposal includes a request to drill 24 hours a day. This would be noisy in itself but we also need to remember the noise in general that would emit from a mining site too.

Clearly, this is a complicated process and series of decisions - I have included much more information on my website. The site also incorporates a standard letter that may help anyone who wishes to express their concern to the planning department.

Personal letters are best, based on your views and experiences but I hope the template provided on my website will be a useful guide.

The current deadline for receipt of objections by the principal planning officer is September 12, and the planning committee could consider the application before the end of month.

The members of the planning committee are legally bound to consider the evidence based on planning matters and on local and national policy.

It is up to us to make the strongest case possible.

To view a standard objection letter, visit www.aluncairns.com and to find out more visit www.thevalesaysno.com

Judge agrees with 'not guilty' verdict

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A JURY at Cardiff Crown Court took just 45 minutes to clear an IT worker of allegations that he carried out a sex attack on a 20-year-old woman.

By a unanimous verdict, 31-year-old Richard Edmunds, of Ewenny Road, Bridgend, was found not guilty of a charge of rape.

When the verdict had been delivered, Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones said to the jury: "I totally agree."

Prosecutor Andrew Morse said Edmunds met the woman in a pub in Bridgend on January 14. They went on to a club and it was alleged he later raped her in a house in Bridgend.

The alleged victim told the jury she had four glasses of wine that night, as well as four pints of cider and shots, and was drunk at the time. She denied that what had occurred was with her consent.

Edmunds, a man with no previous convictions, said that earlier that night he had worked at the Five Bells public house.

Later, in another pub, he spoke to the woman for about half an hour before going on to a second pub at about 2am. Later, at a house in

Bridgend he said they shared a bottle of cider while sitting on a sofa and talked.

She showed him her tan from a recent holiday and invited him to see her breasts, which he did, and she also asked him to touch her legs.

Edmunds said that she kissed him and helped him remove her underwear.

Soon after, he said, they began having sex and after about a minute she said "No, no, no," and he stopped.

He said that she became upset, mentioned a boyfriend and they again began talking.

"Later, she gave me a big hug and we started

having sex again," he said.

After about 30 seconds she said "No, I really cannot do this" and she again stopped.

At the time, said Edmunds, she made no accusation against him, but later that day he was questioned by a police officer.

"I had no inkling that she had made a complaint."

He said he told the police that sex was consensual.

"I definitely didn't take advantage of her."

At the end of his evidence, Edmunds wept.

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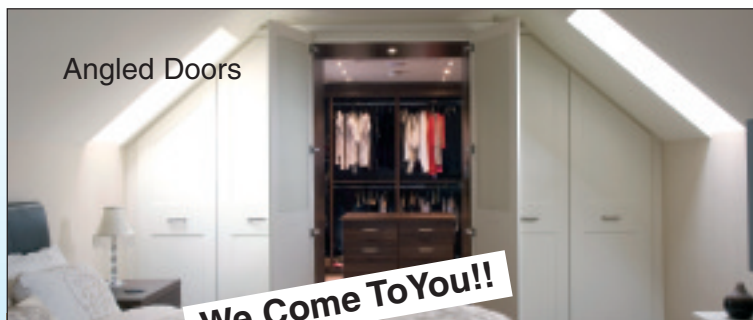
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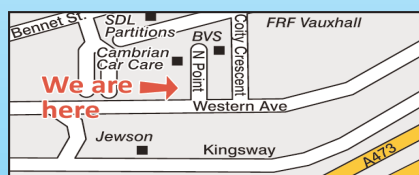
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NFU Cymru president, Ed Bailey, who presented the donation to Miranda McGinn, YFC county chairman, during the recent County Show, said: "NFU Cymru is proud to offer its support to the young farmers of Glamorgan. We are naturally committed to safeguarding the future of the farming industry, so

"The money will go towards county training and developing the members' skills."

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Top award for tyro teacher Miranda

A BARRY dance teacher is celebrating, after winning a major industry award.

Miranda Lee Birch recently won the John Dilworth Award Scholarship – an award open to newly-qualified dance teachers, from the International Dance Teachers Association.

This award is made by examiners who have assessed new dance teachers, and they then choose to nominate a candidate who has impressed them.

Miranda explained: "In order to be nominated, you have to fulfill two criteria. First, you



ABOVE:
Miranda Lee Birch (photograph supplied by Still Images).

must attain the top grade – and second, the examiner has to feel that you have 'special potential

and abilities'. Out of 558 worldwide candidates who took their qualifying exam in 2010, 23 were nominated and I have won.

"It is a high honour and perhaps the highest possible achievement for dance teachers at my level."

Miranda started ballroom and Latin American dancing at the age of six. When she moved to Barry in 2007, she joined a local dance school.

She told The GEM: "The principal suggested I should turn professional and take my teaching exam."

"I studied for two years while teaching in that dance school and qualified in March 2010."

"I opened Miranda Lee Dance Studios in September 2010 and have enjoyed much success, operating two nights a week at Barry Yacht Club."

"I am starting a new adult beginners class and a children's class this September."

She added: "I find teaching very satisfying and I was delighted recently when some of my students took their first medal test for their amateur awards – and everyone passed with good grades!"

Telephone 07920 558507 for more details.

Wildlife awards around the Vale

SCHOOLS and businesses in the Vale have been recognised for their efforts to encourage wildlife in gardens and green spaces at the annual Vale of Glamorgan Biodiversity Partnership Awards.

These celebrate projects that promote biodiversity by creating, enhancing or managing sites for wildlife. They are organised by the Vale Council with sponsorship from RWE nPower Aberthaw.

Entries are covered by two classes. Class one covers schools, education centres and children's groups.

Class two includes voluntary groups, town or community councils and industrial or commercial business, including farms.

This year, class one was won by Wick and Marcross Church-in-Wales Primary School, after pupils and staff created an impressive nature reserve within the school's grounds.

Class two was won by Wenvoe Wildlife Group, for their work at Wenvoe Orchid Fields to encourage biodiversity, and also their excellent community engagement work.

The primary school impressed judges by planting a native hedgerow along the school's boundary which has created a vital habi-

tat for a number of mammal, bird and invertebrate species. The grounds also include a grass buffer zone and woodland area.

Wenvoe Wildlife Group earned the top prize by ensuring the Orchid Fields offer visitors much more than just enjoyment of beautiful surroundings.

The inclusion of information points means that people can gain a greater depth of understanding and appreciation of wildlife in the Vale.

Class one winners:
First place – Wick and Marcross Primary School; Second place – Pendoylan Church-in-Wales Primary School; Joint third place – St Brides Major Primary School, Eagleswell Primary School; Highly commended – Rhws Primary School, Cadoston Nursery, Cogan Nursery, Bute Cottage Nursery; Commended – Ashgrove School, Y Bont Faen Primary School.

Class two winners:
First place – Wenvoe Wildlife Group; Second place – Atlantic College; Third place – NHS Volunteers (Porthkerry Park); Highly commended – Alun Valley Group, Amelia Trust Farm; Commended – the Cowbridge Charter Trust.

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Half Tidy sing for Eisteddfod

VALE musical group 'Half Tidy', recently entertained customers at the Horse Shoes pub, Marcross, with an evening of light-hearted popular songs.

Many people joined in a most enjoyable evening and a collection is expected to have raised around £90 for the Eisteddfod 2012 appeal.

In July, 'Half Tidy' held a similar entertainment at the Cross Hands

Hotel, Llantrisant, and raised £115 toward the target.

Said Ros Lewis, local appeal co-ordinator for St Athan, St Donats, Llanmaes and Llantwit Major: "I would like to say a very big thank you to 'Half Tidy' and to the landlords and customers of the Horse Shoes and Cross Hands for their very kind and generous support for the appeal."

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large or small your
day may be, it will
help Macmillan make
a real difference to
those affected by can-
cer."

James Hook said:
"We were really happy
to be asked to do the
photo shoot to sup-
port Macmillan and
their World's Biggest
Coffee Morning event
this year."

"The work they do
is vital for people
affected by cancer,
and can be the differ-
ence between a good
day and a bad day."

"We would encour-
age everyone to hold
their own coffee
morning, as all the
money raised is rein-
vested in services to
help people in Wales."

Last year, more
than 43,000 people
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more than £8 million.
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fundraisers are deter-
mined to raise even
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Coffee Morning
launch in Cardiff, the
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chance for one lucky
person to buy a box of
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million of us are living
with it.

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can help.

This year's coffee
morning falls on
Friday, September 30,
but you can hold one
whenever is most con-
venient.

To register, visit
www.macmillan.org.uk
/coffee or telephone
0845 602 1246.

Tall Ships in Barry

THE Tall Ships
Festival returns to
Barry Number One
Dock this weekend
(September 3-4)
when five ships will
be open to the pub-
lic from 11am each
day.

The ships are the
Royal Navy off-shore
patrol vessel HMS
Tyne, tall ship Stavros
S Niarchos, The
Kathleen and May, The
Ruth and a former
Royal Marines' ship
The Pride of Bristol.

New attractions
include classic cars
and bikes, children's
miniature steam rail-
ways, a steam tractor
and engines, and an
undercover model rail-
way. They will be
based at the 'goods
shed' site of the festival
and a steam train will
run regularly between

there and Barry
Island.

The festival also fea-
tures live music from
Brother Steve, The
Relics, Shooting the
Moon, The Vanities,
The Motive and The
Gallery on Saturday.

On Sunday, Big
Macs Wholly Soul
Band, Wonderbrass,
Chevot Hill and Nick
Treharne take to the
stage.

For children, the
'Sully Smugglers' will
perform in the Pirate
Village at 1.15pm and
2.30pm each day.

There will also be
fairground rides, street
entertainers, face
painting and stalls.

Entrance to the festi-
val is free but charges
do apply for certain
attractions. For more
information call 01446
704 737 or 01446 747
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Vale MP on inquiry into online child protection

VALE MP Alan
Cairns last week
commented on the
formation of a pa-
liamentary inquiry
into online child
protection by a 60-
strong cross-party
group.

The inquiry will take
evidence over the next
few months from par-
ents, child protection
experts, internet experts
and chief executives, or
senior managers of
many of Britain's
largest internet service
providers.

"It will report to
Ministers in November."

"Parents are under-
standably worried about
the ease with which
their children can view
pornographic content
on the internet, and this

inquiry will provide the
ideal platform for all
interested parties to dis-
cuss how best we can
protect our children
online," Mr Cairns
said.

Communications
Minister Ed Vaizey
commented: "The inter-
net is a powerful tool
for education and
entertainment, but
there is material online
that is not suitable for
children."

"Parents need to
have the right tools to
be able to protect their
children from inappro-
priate content."

"I look forward to
receiving the inquiry's
report and seeing their
conclusions."

Charity ball for Macmillan

ANYONE wanting
to support
Macmillan this year,
can do so by attend-
ing a gala ball.

The spokeswoman for
the charity urged: "Join
us for the Macmillan
Cancer Support

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Centenary Ball on
December 3 at Holland
House Hotel, Cardiff."

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ture entertainment from
Big Mac's Wholly Soul
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mation, please call
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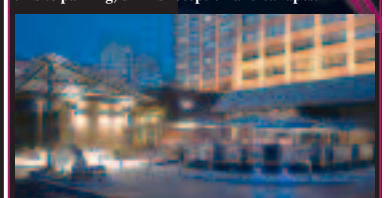
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Left to right: Cathedral School pupils William Drew, Meghan Evans, Pollyanna Furness and Louie Taylor celebrate their GCSE results.

Cathedral School Llandaff records top GCSE results

CATHEDRAL School Llandaff, has reported an "outstanding" 78 per cent of all GCSE entries graded A* or A, with 99 per cent of examinations graded A*-C.

By quite a considerable margin, the most common grade throughout was A*.

At the top end, there were particularly strong performances from six pupils, who achieved A* grades in all their examinations, including Pollyanna Furness from Llandaff with 11 A*s.

She said: "I'm so shocked! It's definitely been worth all of the hard work and I'm very thankful to the teachers who have helped me. I'm really happy

and looking forward to the next chapter."

Pollyanna will study A-levels in music, English, art and religious studies at Charterhouse.

One third of the pupils achieved A*/A grades in every subject, many more (81 per cent) had at least five A*/A grades.

William Drew, from Cowbridge achieved 12 A*s and one A, he said: "I'm over the moon! You can't describe the feeling of relief to have finally got the results and more than anything, I'm really happy."

Headmaster Stephen Morris expressed satisfaction at the high achievements: "At a time when there has been much hand wringing about the state of education in Wales at large, the traditional approach of the Cathedral School – solid academic teaching in traditional subjects, along with a wide co-curricular programme and an emphasis upon pupils' leadership skills and confidence – has been vindicated as a first class investment for parents.

"Huge congratulations to our pupils for their hard work."

The Cathedral School has a largely mixed ability intake. It is expanding to sixth form soon.

The school will host an open morning on Saturday, October 8, 10am-12.30pm.

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'Best GCSE results in our history'

STUDENTS, parents, staff and governors at Mary Immaculate celebrated the best-ever GCSE results in the school's history, with 67 per cent of students recording five or more A*-C grades.

Many students exceeded expectations with notable performances from Shanique Cosbert, who gained 5 A*s, 3 As, 1 B and 2 Cs; Daniel Poole who achieved a total of 12 GCSEs, including 5 A*s, 1 A, 3 Bs and 3 Cs; Alex Lester achieved 11 GCSEs, including 2 A*s, 4 As and 3 Bs and 3 Cs; Sarah Carpenter collected 3 Bs and 7 Cs; Guillaume Kitumaini gained 1 A, 7 Bs and 3 Cs; Kirsty Dacey achieved 4 A*s, 5 As, 1 B and 2 Cs and; Francesca Floris collected 4 A*s, 3 As, 3 Bs and 3 Cs.

Headteacher, Marc Belli, said: "We are immensely proud of all our students – not just those who achieved the highest grades, but also those who exceeded their expectations.

"The past 12 months have been very exciting for us as a school.

"We have made many changes which will help take the school to the next level and these results are a testament to every single student and member of staff who has worked so hard to realise our ambitions.

"Furthermore, we cannot underestimate the support shown by our parents who have helped us make history with our greatest ever performance at GCSE.

"On behalf of everyone at the school, I should like to wish all our students a happy and successful future beyond life at Mary Immaculate."

Cosmetic surgery open evening

VALE Healthcare is holding one of its popular open evenings at the Vale Hospital (just off J34 or the M4, 15 minutes from Cardiff city centre) on Monday, September 12.

It will cover all cosmetic surgery, including: breast augmentation, breast uplift, breast reduction, face lift, rhinoplasty, blepharoplasty, abdominoplasty and all other procedures.

The event provides an opportunity to hear specialist consultant surgeons talk about the pro-

cedures available, and the kind of things to consider if you are thinking about cosmetic surgery.

The evening will also give an exclusive opportunity to have a 10-15 minute 'mini-consultation' with one of the surgeons, which is completely free of charge.

To book a place at the event, contact Laura Dunning on 01443 449 272, or email laura.dunning@vale-healthcare.com.

Please advise whether you would like to book in for a mini consultation.

Magnificent views and a soaking on the Beacons

BARRIE had planned a walk with a difference: travel by car to Storey Arms, catch a bus to Brecon with a connection to Pencelli and walk the linear route back over the central Beacons.

The weather forecast was for low cloud and mist at 400-metres but clearing during the afternoon – it sounded simple!

Low cloud hung across the mountain tops, but in Brecon itself there was hazy sunshine. The town was bedecked with flowers as it was the Brecon Jazz Festival weekend.

The group began their walk by crossing the Brecon and Monmouth canal, constructed between 1797 and 1812, to start a gradual climb up the lane to Llanfeigan church.

They passed through fields of grazing sheep and enjoyed glorious views of the Beacons and the Black Mountains as far as Hay Bluff, and then climbed steeply to reach the open moorland.

The narrow pathway below Bryn was joined and dark clouds hung above. As they reached Gist Wen, coats had to be donned as drizzle began to fall and the views were blotted out.

As they reached the lower slopes of Waun Rydd it was evident they were walking head first into very inclement weather that seemed to have escaped the notice of the forecasters.

The rain got heavier and the wind gusted as the group made its way around the narrow tracks above Cwm Cwareli and Cwm Oergwm to Fan y Big.

The clouds just below where they were walking, at 719-

NEWS FROM PENARTH & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

metres, cleared briefly to expose lovely views towards the Neuadd reservoirs and the valley below, then swirled back to blank out everything.

A steep descent followed and the leader decided to walk around the base of Cribyn.

Then the group hauled themselves up the rocky path towards Pen y Fan and still the rain fell and the wind continued to gust.

Two of the group continued over the top of Pen y Fan, the highest mountain in south Wales which stands at 2,907 feet, but the remainder, three-quarters of the way to the summit, took the uneven, rocky and by now muddy moorland path around the side to emerge beyond Corn Du.

By now the group were well and truly soaked through and feeling a little chilly in the wind, but as they were making their descent down the commonly known 'tourist route' into the valley below, they passed several walkers coming uphill wearing short-sleeved t-shirts and trainers completely oblivious to what lay ahead!

Halfway down the path, the mist and rain began to fade. They crossed the bridge over the Blaen Taf Fawr River to make their safe return to Storey Arms for the journey home.

LLANGATTOCK WALK
PENARTH and District Ramblers gathered at Llangattock village in bright sunshine and followed what had been the Darren tram-road.

This linked the quarries on the Llangattock escarpment to the Brecon and Monmouth canal at Llangattock Wharf. Lime processed in kilns was used to sweeten agricultural land, as a whitewash for buildings and in the iron making process, and barges then took the lime along the canal to Newport.

A steep climb through woods and by road to Darren followed, before descending into Cwm Onneu Fach.

Turning at Waun Ddu, they dropped downhill to cross moorland made soggy by the various springs and climbed narrow pathways in woodland to join the tramway below the Llangattock escarpment, an area renowned to cavers.

Craig y Cilau and the quarries at Darren Cilau are part of a nature reserve created in 1959.

The route, which had been fairly straightforward, suddenly took a turn for the worse as they descended through Coed Graig-Leici, a sea of Himalayan Balsam and thick ferns blocked the path.

They had to try and find a way through the thick jungle, which came to shoulder height and over-the-head height in places.

There was a rumbling from the troops as they slithered their way downhill and got lost!

But the day was saved by a GPS that indicated they were only slightly off the path.

On September 3, meet 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a seven-mile mod/hard walk at Pentrch, Creigiau and Garth Hill; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

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THE EYES OF THE MUSIC WORLD TURN TO THE VALE

IN just three weeks, musicians will be arriving in the Vale from around the world – for the second Cowbridge Music Festival.

With an amazing line-up of local musical talent, major international competition winners and the celebrated violinist Nicola Benedetti, the area looks set for two weeks of great music-making.

Benedetti shot to fame in 2004 by winning the BBC Young Musician of the Year and went on to sign a £1 million six album deal with Universal and become

one of the best known and loved violinists of our time.

Festival director Mary Elliott said: "We were so delighted when Nicola agreed to lend her support. It's amazing to be able to welcome an artist of her stature in just our second festival."

After a successful launch last year, this young festival is keeping to its promise, bringing the very best of live classical music to the Vale and making it accessible to everyone.

Now a registered charity, it aims to reach the whole community, giving free outreach concerts in schools and care homes and keeping ticket prices

for the main events as low as possible.

The festival will begin on September 24, when young local musicians, including soprano Daisy Evans and cellist Ben Tarlton, will take the stage in Holy Cross Church. Cowbridge, alongside harpist Eluned Pierce and pianists Susan Bird and Sally Tarlton.

Then, on September 27, two rising stars, Welsh baritone Gary Griffiths and French mezzo Antoinette Dennefeld, will give a candlelit recital of songs by Mahler, Strauss, Britten and Bizet.

September 30 sees the arrival of two young Russian virtuosi to play



Nicola Benedetti.

breathtaking violin show-pieces and chamber music in a charity concert with Cowbridge cellist Mary Elliott and Japanese pianist Miki Aoki (admission free

with donations invited in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research).

On October 2, the festival joins forces with the Vale of Glamorgan Big Screen and moves to the Town Hall for an evening of Buster Keaton silent comic films.

Swiss pianist Lucas Buclin rolls back the decades, providing live piano accompaniment in an evening of fun for all the family.

The festival draws to close on October 7, when Nicola Benedetti and pianist Alexei Grynyuk make their Vale of Glamorgan debut, in what is sure to be a wonderful grand finale, performing violin sonatas in the romantic setting of St Donat's Castle.

Further details are on the festival website www.cowbridge-musicfestival.co.uk. Tickets are available online and from Xantippe on Cowbridge High Street.

Councillors' surgery

LABOUR councillors for Castleland ward Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, September 3, from 10.30am to 12pm.

The surgery will be held at the Drop In Centre, No. 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment is necessary; if you need advice but can't attend the surgery please contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506 116, or 01446 402 220.

IT'S FULL SPEED AHEAD!



Sea Cadets open up base for Scouts to go boating!

MORE than 30 Scouts from Barry District enjoyed a weekend of boating on Barry Docks, courtesy of ABP and the Barry Sea Cadets, who allowed use of their boating base.

Over the weekend of August 19-20, the Scouts were able to have a go at sailing, canoeing, kayaking and rowing using equipment from the 1st, 5th and 6th Barry Sea Scouts.

In order to be ready for an early start next day, they slept-over in the 1st Barry headquarters.

The event was a great success, and already plans are in hand for more events using the Docks, possibly including a number of regattas.



Evan's Ffos Las double

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams chalked-up his 25th winner at Ffos Las last Thursday

when landing a 14-1 double with American Cricket (5-2) and West With The Wind (3-1).

Evan, who is the top trainer at Britain's youngest racecourse, was responsible for saddling the first-ever winner at the west Wales racecourse when it was first opened.

Ten-year-old American Cricket, who was racing for the first time in 483 days, won by three lengths from Public Esteem and six-year-old West With The Wind, who carried top

weight of 11st. 12lb, had five lengths to spare over the Peter Bowen-trained Rio Gael.

Both of Evan's winners were ridden by Paul Moloney.

Aberthyn's Tim Vaughan, 32 on the day, had several runners at the meeting, but had little cause to celebrate until his seven-year-old *Definite Dawn* won the EBF Beginners' Chase at far-flung Cartmel in the evening.

Definite Dawn, who went off the long odds-on favourite, was ridden by his promising conditional jockey Michael Byrne, who 24 hours earlier had won on Tim's *Tara Warrior* at Worcester.

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every Monday at 7pm-9pm for people to learn and to raise awareness about the spiritual side of life.

Julie is holding a psychic tarot fayre at Barry Island Community Centre, near the Marine Hotel, on Saturday, September 10.

Everyone is welcome to call into Hands of an Angel at 29c Park Road and discover more about mediumship, tarot readings, angel cards, crystal ball readings and view a wonderful array of mystic gifts.

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We focus this month on simple, low cost and

easy-to-apply ideas to make the most of your work space – and see an increase in productivity while reducing your stress!

Come along to Trio Brasserie, Eastgate, Cowbridge, at 6.30pm on Wednesday, September 21, to network with other women business owners – and at the same time, discover some small changes that will cut out the chaos and make a big difference to your working environment!

Members £5; non members £10 – all most welcome!

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Vale Women's Business Network

Design and Space - Is your office in chaos?
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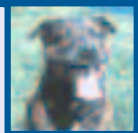
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All set for winter The Penarth Computer Club

WHAT are you going to do this winter?

At this time of year, many people are thinking about how they will spend the long winter evenings. Some decide to take up a course of study; perhaps adopt a new pastime or improve their existing skills in some way.

There are different ways of doing this, such as taking an instruction class, or joining a group of people who share an interest.

For some, the challenge will be to try and catch up with the technological age. Everything is moving along and they feel they are being left behind.

They might not want to use the technology, but would like to understand its implications.

An informal chat can ease the feelings of fear, uncertainty and doubt about using a computer – or rather about the process of learning how to use one.

This club was started to help with the introduction to computers; we are people, not geeks; we understand the problems of complete beginners; recognise that there are different levels of ability; that people pick things up at different speeds and we try to cater for all these things.

We stress that we are a friendly club. We are the place where people can come and be helped as they get started and continue to enjoy friendly assistance and advice, as and when they feel ready for it.

We start this month and deal with the basics and essentials of getting started. Next, we point out the things that we wish someone had told us when we started.

We have an occasional 'Brains Trust' meeting to cover more immediate questions. Now and then we invite a guest speaker to talk on a wider computing topic of a more general interest.

Doors open at 7.30 pm and talks start at 8pm for about an hour. If appropriate, notes are handed out. Meetings are reported in the press and on our website. Meetings overrun on occasion. Tea and biscuits are provided after the talks and there is the opportunity to chat with other members.

Visit our website penarthcomputerclub.co.uk for more information.

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DIARY OF LLANCARFAN VILLAGE SHOW 2011

by ANN FERRIS, Chair of the show

ONCE again, it is time for the Village Show – the hall, church and marquees are ready, and on Friday our three writers are busy writing cards for the late entries.

At the end of the hour and half, they have completed nearly 100 cards, and the exhibits are displayed giving an idea of what tomorrow will bring.

Saturday dawns – not bright sun as hoped for, but drizzle – but at least its not pouring with rain.

The doors to the hall are open at 9am for the final influx of exhibits and by 10.15am the

tables in the hall, church and marquee look adequately full. Some classes are overflowing, others rather bare, but that's the nature of the show, given the weather we have had.

Our judges arrive and perform their task with great deliberation. By 1pm all judges have finished and sit down to enjoy their lunch. Our grateful thanks must go to all of them for giving their time so freely.

The doors open to the public at 1.45pm and people start drifting in to see their exhibits, check if they have won, and to see all the other exhibits, visit the church where all the flower arrangements are



ABOVE:
Alice Voisey-Smith, winner of the Hedley Gay Cup for the best junior entry in the 2011 Llancarfian Show

arranged and also to see the wall paintings which have been revealed in the church.

They have their after-

noon tea and explore the various stalls.

With the presentation, by Coun Jeff James, of the cups, medals and our new Michaelangelo award – donated by Jean Hunt for the best exhibit in the junior painting competitions – and the drawing of the raffle, the day slowly comes to an end.

After another very successful show, our grateful thanks must go to all our sponsors, advertisers, show stewards and last, but certainly not least, to those who set up and dismantle the tables and boards.

Llancarfian Show results

RESULTS of Llancarfian Show, held on August 20, were as follows:

One Rose: First, Melinda Thomas; Second, Ann Ferris; Third, Ann Saxton.

Three Roses: First, Ann Ferris; Second, Melinda Thomas.

Dahlias: First, Clive Pritchard; Second, Clive Pritchard; Third, Bob Hartery.

Mixed Foliage: First, Jenny Knott; Second, Mary Grey; Third, Non Evans.

Mixed Flowers: First, Fran Winterbottom; Second, Mrs C Thomas; Third, Jenny Knott.

PP – Foliage: First, Sue Taylor.

PP Flowering: First, Phil Heath; Second, Phil Heath; Third, Fran Winterbottom.

Succulents/Cacti: First, Hazel Pitchfork; Second, Fran Winterbottom; Third, Fran Winterbottom.

Herbs: First, Mrs C Williams; Second, Jane Alexander; Third, Alison Hannaby.

Sweet Peas: First, Mrs C Thomas; Second, Mary Grey; Third, Bob Hartery.

Arr Round and Round: First, Jenny Knott; Second, Sheelagh Lewis; Third, Kay Gay.

Arr Candlelight: First, Jenny Knott; Second, Kay Gay; Third, Sheelagh Lewis.

Arr Elegance: First, Kay Gay; Second, Jenny Knott.

Arr Upstairs/Downstairs: First, Kay Gay; Second, Kay Brain; Third, Melinda Thomas.

Arr Highs and Lows: First, Melinda Thomas; Second, Jenny Knott; Third, Kay Gay.

Arr Seeing is Believing: First, Melinda Thomas; Second, Audrey Baldwin; Third, Ann Ferris.

Apples: First, Emily Hunt; Second, Blair Evans; Third, Jenny Knott.

Soft Fruits: First, Gareth Tickner.

Any other fruit: First, Jean Davies.

Rhubarb: First, Jenny Knott.

Runner Beans: First, Bob Hartery; Second, Mr Williams; Third, Sally Mills.

Carrots: First, Jenny Knott; Second, Sally Mills.

Tomatoes: First, Ben Nicholls; Second, Sue Taylor; Third, Robert Hartery.

Cherry Type Tomatoes: First, Ann Ferris; Second, Gareth Tickner; Third, Sue Taylor.

Cucumbers: First, Jenny Knott; Second, Sue Taylor.

Courgettes: First, Kay Gay; Second, Sue Taylor.

Beetroot: First, Sue Taylor; Second, Jenny Knott; Third, Sally Mills.

Onions: First, Sally Mills; Second, Jenny Knott; Third, Sally Mills.

Bacon/Egg Flan: First, Ann Ferris; Second, Joy Rees.

Madeira Cake: First, June Studley; Second, Kay Gay; Third, Kay Gay.

Lemon Victoria Sponge: First, Kay Gay; Second, J E Davies; Third, Janet Alexander.

Apple Tart: First, Kay Gay; Second, Jan Crosta; Third, Val Lovering.

Cup Cakes: First, Jan Crosta; Second, Hannah Hunt; Third, Ann Hunt.

Bread Rolls: --

Welsh Cakes: First, Betty Pullen; Second, Kay Gay; Third, Val Lovering.

Corned Beef Pasties: First, Kay Gay; Second, Janet Alexander; Third, Val Lovering.

Cake/Choc (Men): First, Gareth Tickner; Second, Gareth Tickner; Third, Graham Brain.

Jar of Jam: First, June Studley; Second, Kay Brain; Third, Janet Alexander.

Jar of Marmalade: First, Sarah Angell; Second, Penny Fell; Third, Janet Alexander.

Jar of Chutney: First, Jenny Knott; Second, Penny Fell.

Handicraft - Model: First, Derek Porter; Second, John Atkin; Third, Helen Davies.

Knitting: First, Val Lovering; Second, V Hopkins; Third, Audrey Porter.

Patchwork: First, Jean Davies; Second, Lynda Davies; Third, Lynda Davies.

Painting Still Life: First, Jean Hunt; Second, Je Hunt; Third, Gwendoline Cabbage.

Painting Theme Water: First, J C Hill; Second, C Turner; Third, J C Hill.

Painting Abstract: First, Joan Raum; Second, Hannah Hunt; Third, Barbara Hodges.

Greetings Card: First, Hazel Pitchfork; Second, Mary Gammon; Third, Mary Gammon.

Photo-Living Creature:

First, Sally Mills; Second, Josh Fell; Third, Ian Fell.

Photo – Building: First, Sally Mills; Second, John Atkin; Third, John Atkin.

Photo Sense of History:

First, Ian Fell; Second, Sally Mills; Third, John Atkin.

Arr Basket of Flowers (eight and under): --

Arr Basket of Flowers (nine-14): First, Freya Evans; Second, Charlotte Fuller.

Arr Come Dine with Me (eight and under): --

Arr Come Dine with Me (nine-14): First, Freya Evans; Second, Charlotte Fuller.

Animal – Vegetables: First, Emily Hunt; Second, Charlotte Fuller; Third, R Bilney.

Art – Friendship (four-six):

First, Henry Davies; Second, Kate Parry; Third, R Bilney.

Art – Friendship (seven-nine): First, Alice Voisey Smith; Second, Thomas Fild; Third, Sian Betterly.

Art – Friendship (10-14): First, Molly Connelly Davies; Second, Louis Connelly Davies; Third, Nicole Lawson.

Poem (nine and under): First, Charlotte Fuller; Second, Gabriel Hooley.

Poem (10 and over): First, Amber Hardcastle; Second, Molly Connelly Davies; Third, Libby Williams.

CUP WINNERS

Junior Cup most points in Competition: Charlotte Fuller.

Adult Cup most points in Competition: Jenny Knott.

Frank Taylor Cup - best entry in the Craft section: Jean Jenkins.

RHS Banksian Medal – best entry flower/vegetables: Fran Winterbottom.

Salver – best entry in vegetable section: Ann Ferris.

The Hedley Gay Cup – best junior entry: Alice Voisey Smith.

Michael Angelo Award – best painting in Junior Section: Alice Voisey Smith

Bro Morgannwg celebrates 'fantastic' GCSE results – many hit 100 % pass rate

BETWEEN them, year-11 pupils at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Rhian Roberts, Harri Foster Davies, Wil Thomas and Ioan Williams have amassed an amazing total of 43 A* grades and 9 A grades in the GCSE results published on Thursday.

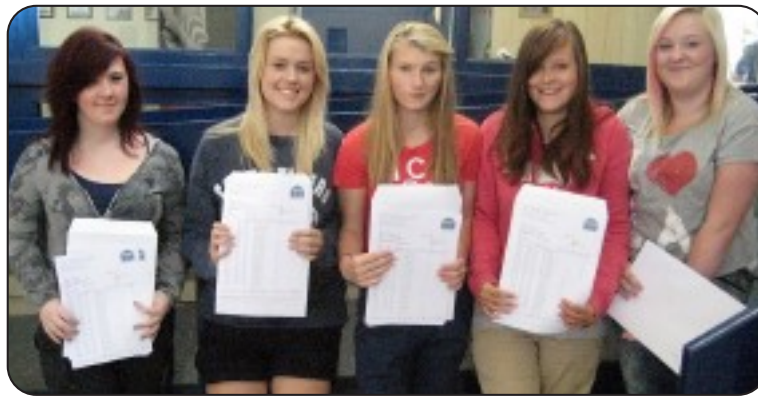
Many of their peers across the Vale who have attended the Welsh medium comprehensive at Barry are also celebrating fantastic results.

Disappointed faces were most definitely in the minority as the school celebrated yet another set of excellent examination results, which saw pupils across the ability range achieving their potential, reflecting their hard graft and dedication: 87 per cent of the pupils achieved A* to C grades in five or more subjects.

Pupils and staff were delighted with the results in a year which saw them facing up to the challenges of new syllabuses introduced by the examination boards.

Many departments succeeded in attaining a 100 per cent A*-C pass rate. There were also smiles all round for three talented pupils from year-9, Robin Tait and twins Lydia and Joseff Richards, who each achieved an A* in German.

Congratulations to all the pupils, parents and teachers and we look forward to welcoming many of the successful pupils back to the sixth form, where they can continue with their studies and contribute as young leaders to the school's ethos. Well done! MT



From left to right – Charlotte Davies, Rachel Peters, Seren Moyle, Emily Townley and Lauren Jones, all celebrating excellent results.



Greta Isaac (centre) being congratulated by her father Myfyr Isaac and the Deputy Head, Miss Rhian Griffiths.

Bryn Hafren's pupils achieve 'best-ever' results

PUPILS and staff of Bryn Hafren are celebrating outstanding GCSE results.

The school has achieved its highest results ever with a huge 6 per cent increase on last year's record performance.

A total of 69 per cent of pupils obtained five or more GCSEs at the highest grades. This represents an improvement of 28 per cent over the last seven years, every one of which has shown year-on-year improvement.

The most successful pupils achieved 14 or 15 A and B grades, which is a truly exceptional performance.

A total of 96 per cent of pupils obtained at least five GCSEs, which is again a significant improvement on previous years and an exceptionally high result when compared to similar schools anywhere in Wales.

Phil Whitcombe, the headteacher, was delighted with the pupils' performance: "this is a really outstanding performance both for the individual pupils concerned and for the school as a whole."

"It is the end product of several years of hard work by the pupils and an incredible level of support from their staff."



"We are delighted that the school continues to improve and that we are performing at the highest benchmark levels for value added."

"I am extremely proud of the achievement of all the pupils, who can now look forward to continuing their studies in the Barry Sixth form or elsewhere."

"These qualifications will form excellent foundations on which to build the rest of their studies or to enter the world of work. We wish

the pupils the very best for the future whatever pathway they chose."

Chair of governors, Mr Dave Noble, was also delighted with the school's improved performance again this year: "Bryn Hafren is now an exceptionally good school where children of all abilities will find a curriculum to meet their needs and outstanding support and teaching which will ensure they achieve their full potential."



Second celebration at St Cyres as GCSE results announced

FOLLOWING last week's A Level and Welsh Baccalaureate results, GCSE students at St Cyres are celebrating another excellent set of GCSE results.

There were 687 A* and A grades and no fewer than 58 achieved five or more A/A* grades; two of them actually achieved the equivalent of 14!

There were many other outstanding achievements, but the following 58 students all achieved five or more A/A* grades:

Sahra Arwo, Georgia Goffin, Tara Lakhman, Adam Roberts, Ruba Ashraf, Matthew Hall, Rosie Lyne, Palvi Rupalia, Nikki Baird-Murray, Rachel Hardcastle, Bethan Maunders, Rohaan Saleem, Alex Bambury, Farhia Hersi, Jamie McGirr, Richard Saunders, Joshua Bateman, Marcus Hicks, Elise McLaughlin, Bridie Scanlan, Sam Berg, Joe Hudson, Ceejay Mill, Amy Sleeman, Lauren



ABOVE:

Saqib Iqbal and Mohammed Omar.

Carroll, Anisah Johnson, Ryan Morse, Lucy Stephens, Tegan Carlidge, Eloise Johnson, Maria Muhmood, Jessica Thomas, Jessica Clements, Matthew Johnson, Aisha Nasir, Emily Thorne, Kaiya Collins Elizabeth Jones, Rhys Palfrey, Joel Trew, Rhian Cox, Georgina Jones, Megan Palmer-Wood, Sarah Vanner, Calum Driscoll, Azrah Khan, Georgia Pocock, Tom Warren, Abigail Dublin, Ellie Kihlberg, Anna Rabey, Ashley Wilson, Timothy Edwards, Praveena Ladhani, William Richards, Raymond Wong, Hannah Foat, Eleanor Woodfield.

"This is the first year in which the Welsh Baccalaureate Diploma has been studied by all pupils in KS4 and 176 pupils achieved this."

A large number of students are planning to join the sixth form at Cyres to take advantage of the Welsh Baccalaureate whilst studying a wide range of AS and A Levels.

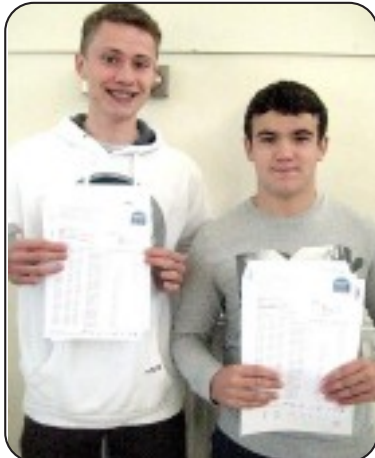
Students wishing to transfer to St Cyres from other schools should speak to the Sixth Form Office about entrance requirements, telephone 02920 713558.



ABOVE: Joe Green.



ABOVE: Abigail Dublin and Jazique Islam.



Harri Foster-Davies (left) achieved 12A*s and 1A and Wil Thomas (right) achieved 11A*s and 2 As.



Rhian Roberts (left) achieved 10A*s and 3As and Sam Sturgess achieved 3A*s, 9As and 1B.



From left to right - Zoe Stevens, Kara Davies and Megan Thomas all celebrated excellent results.

Conan reboot makes for a Barbarically poor outing!

THE blood and gore-splattered action movies of the 1980s appear to be making something of a comeback. In recent years, Sylvester Stallone has done his own single-handed revival, helming the brutal *Rambo* and gunfire-laden *The Expendables*, as bombast and muscles are on their way back.

In this environment, it is unsurprising that one of the eras leading stars, Arnold Schwarzenegger, is seeing one of his iconic roles being revisited.

In *Conan The Barbarian*, Jason Momoa plays the titular character, who grows up with one aim in mind – to track down the man who killed his father and slaughtered his village. Armed with a sword and

a fire in his stomach, Conan sets out to right the wrongs of the past...

Since the success of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, the fantasy genre has seen an increase in productivity, with studios keen to get on board a genre that seemingly has plenty to offer.

However, the majority of these films, whether original or based on existing materials, have had minuscule impact and success, with the quality taking a backseat to quantity and jumping on the bandwagon (as anyone who has seen *Eragon* will agree).

But with the likes of *Game Of Thrones* being critically lauded (small-screen) fare, the reintroduction of the character of Conan is perhaps a wise move, audiences already being familiar with the series thanks to the Arnold Schwarzenegger film and, apparently, sharing a desire for more grown-up fantasy fare.

It is a shame to report, then, that *Conan The Barbarian* is a film that fails to take the bit between its teeth, capturing the grit of the character but failing to introduce an interesting story, supporting characters or a feel that sets it apart from those that have gone before and failed.

In fairness, they couldn't go much better with their choice to play the barbaric titular character. As anyone who has seen the aforementioned *Game Of Thrones* will attest, Jason Momoa certainly has the physical attributes, seemingly built from granite and capable of wreaking immense havoc single-handedly.

But here Momoa brings a little bit of sparkle to the character, making him less a one-dimensional muscle man and adding something more. Certainly the character's aim of finding the man who killed his father has been done to

death, but Momoa's likeable turn makes it far less of a burden than it might have been.

The same cannot be said for the rest of the performances. While Rose McGowan's almost unrecognisable turn as the villain's daughter strikes interesting notes and sees the actress offer an unsettling turn, said villain (played by *Avatar*'s Stephen Lang) is nothing more than an oddly-accented archetype, that the actor fails to bring to life with any degree of success.

The same can be said of Rachel Nichols' damsel in distress, who simpers and swordfights her way through proceedings with very little flair. Even Ron Perlman, cameoing as Conan's father, fails to be his usual watchable self, looking like Ron Burgundy post-break-down and seemingly taking things a touch too seriously.

The screenplay, by

Thomas Dean Donnelly, Joshua Oppenheimer and Sean Hood, may carry some of the hallmarks of Robert E Howard's original stories, but this is a by-the-numbers fantasy action picture with added Conan. The story feels all too familiar, the beats coming almost with advanced warning, and there is no attempt to offer anything fresh or exciting.

The same can be said of Marcus Nispel's direction, the German having been involved in several retoolings of existing films, and bringing about the same level of competence to those as he has here.

Visually, the film looks like it should, with Nispel delivering the usual rolling mountains and towns you see in every other fantasy film, while the action set pieces are coated in crimson, yet are edited at such a pace that if the bloodshed doesn't make you chunder, then the editing will!

If there is hope of making a franchise from this film then grabbing a director and screenwriters with ability is key; while Jason Momoa shines as the titular character, the other ingredients are definitely lacking, making *Conan The Barbarian* a less than essential viewing experience.

VERDICT: A disappointing film that tries to

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON
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reboot the character into 21st century cinema and struggles to do so, *Conan The Barbarian* is a pedestrian fantasy film that is lacking originality and flair.

While Jason Momoa impressively fills the loincloth of the titular hero, weak support, a poor script and even poorer direction mean that Conan's further adventures may be put to the sword early on.

Poor.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Lord of the Rings* trilogy (2001-2003), *Beowulf* (2007), *Game Of Thrones* (2011).

'Get your skates on' says local club



Pictured, above, are some of the children who recently passed their grade tests at the Colcot Sports Centre.

A ROLLER skating club is operating in the Vale.

A spokeswoman explained: "If you are a skater, but have hung up your skates, or you are a beginner, join us on Saturday at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre from 3pm-5pm or at Colcot Sports centre on Tuesday from 6pm-8pm.

"Clwb Cymru is a newly formed Artistic Roller Skating Club, affiliated to the Federation of Artistic

Roller Skating.

"Members can take grade tests learning the basics of skating, and can go on to taking their medals. We have members in the club who have just started their inter-silver in dance, and beginners who are working toward grade 6."

"Roller skating is a great fun sport, giving confidence and a sense of achievement to every one who takes part, so get your skates on and join us," the spokeswoman added.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D685.

● £2,000: 358322.
● The rollover, which now stands at £4,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 7 1 7 7 6 8,
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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

What makes your local pub great?

Tell us, and your local could win a fantastic prize!

It has been well publicised that several pubs are closing in Wales every week - happily that is not the case in the Vale; in fact, many establishments are reporting record business levels.

To celebrate some of the excellent family-owned, or run Vale pubs, The GEM is looking for regular customers to vote for their favourite in our new 'Prize Pub' competition feature.

Prize...

A 12 month advertising campaign in The GEM and on-line, worth more than £5,000.

The competition will run during September and the winner will be announced in October.

Criteria to consider

Scores on the doors (Vale hygiene awards)
Food (Home cooked/organic produce)
Drinks (Alcohol & quality coffees & teas)
Disability access
Child activities/entertainment/meals
Friendliness of staff/welcome
Garden/outdoor appearances/flower baskets etc
Innovation & Diversity - new ideas, i.e. offering a take-away service
Standards of toilets and general cleanliness
Parking/cab service (will they call one for you?)
Music/Guest entertainers
Interiors/Christmas decorations
Community involvement and charity support
Green credentials, eg: commitment to recycling of food waste, rain water for watering plants, etc.

What to do next...

Enter by email or post - closing date is Friday, 30th September, 2011. You must supply your name, address and land-line telephone number. Tell us, in no more than 100 words, why you believe your local is the best.

State the name of the landlord/landlady, pub name and location, and how often you visit.

Send your entries, marked 'Prize Pub' to: **The GEM, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL** or email: **gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk**

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The five pubs that receive the most entries will be visited by a mystery diner/judge, whereupon the winner will be decided. The winner will be announced in The GEM in October. No correspondence concerning the decision will be entered into. The judge's decision is final.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR A CLEAN-UP

LAST year, Keep Wales Tidy organised the Great Taff Tidy, a clean-up of the river Taff from source to sea.

The event involved hundreds of volunteers, including members of canoe clubs working over three days to remove tons of waste from the river and from areas along the banks.

It was a great success, so this year Keep Wales Tidy are planning major clean-ups along three more rivers including the river Ogmore, and are looking for volunteers from the Vale of Glamorgan to assist. The weekend-long event will take place from September 30-October 2.

Areas to be litter-picked will include Ogmore beach and river-mouth area, both sides of the river up to Ogmore Castle.

Said spokesman Ian Harvey: "We will also be removing tyres from the river opposite Portobello House, definitely a job for stronger volunteers. We will be working with the Vale Council and other partner organisations, but are

looking for as many volunteers as possible.

"Please spare what time you can, one hour or one morning over the weekend. Equipment will be provided."

Ian can be contacted on 02920 726985, or mobile 07824504804.



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Let's Hang On

Saturday, 17th September
7.30pm - Tickets £14.50

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The story . . . the music . . . the sound . . . **Let's Hang On** give you it all in this remarkable live production, find out why audiences are leaving saying . . . oh what a night!

To win a pair of tickets for Let's Hang On, complete the song title:
Q: Big Girls Don't

Name
Address and post code
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Competition Rules:

1. Closing date for entries: 09/09/11;
2. Winners will be randomly selected and informed on 09/09/11;
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Send your answers to:

Memorial Hall and Theatre, Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA
or email us at: **boxoffice@barrymemo.co.uk** with your answer

Out and About with The GEM

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

Gala dinner
A SPORT legends gala charity dinner will be held on Friday, September 2 at 7pm in the President's lounge at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff.

Tickets for the black tie occasion cost £50 and there will be celebrity guest speakers from the world of sport.

For tickets, email: team@atlanticdash.com for more information.

Open church
EACH Saturday in September, the medieval St Peter's Church, Old Cogan, will be open from 10am-5pm.

It has highlights which include a Norman font, Anglo-Saxon walling and a Victorian reredos, restored in Victorian times by the Marquis of Bute.

Street advice
INDEPENDENT councillor, Richard Bertin, is holding a street surgery between 9am and 10am on Saturday, September 3, in the Court Road (Witchell) area of Barry.

For further information, telephone 01446 736227 or email him at rjbartin@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Councillors' surgery
LOCAL Labour councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, September 3 between 10.30am and 12pm in the Drop In Centre, No 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment is necessary. Contact Councillor Elmore on 07867 506116 or 01446 402220.

Valeways walks
VALEWAYS guided walks for September last for 60-90 minutes, except for extended walks, which last for up to two hours.

September 4, 2.30pm, cross boundary walk (part two), St Fagans Church (ST 121772).

September 6, 1.30pm, Lavernock and Marconi, Penarth Cliff top car park.

Vale Dyspraxia Support Group
THE next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be held on Monday, September 5 at 7.30pm in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

The group supports children and young people with dyspraxia (as well as related conditions such as dyslexia, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, OCD, Tourettes) and their parents and carers by providing advice and information, as well as an opportunity to exchange experiences.

The Vale Dyspraxia Support Group operates a 24-hour help and advice line on 01446 738945 and a website, www.vdsg.org.uk <http://www.vdsg.org.uk/> and also runs social activities and a laptop loan programme.

FoE speaker
GARETH CLUBB, newly-appointed Director for Friends of the Earth Cymru, will be attending the next meeting of Barry & Vale FoE, on September 6 at 7.30pm in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Mr Clubb is particularly concerned to challenge the Vale on recycling and incinerators, with greater concerns over the further development of nuclear power at Hinkley Point.

Osteoporosis meeting
BARRY and Vale Osteoporosis Support Group will hold a meeting in the Mary Lennox Room at Barry Hospital on Wednesday, September 7 from 2pm-4pm.

Sue Stocker (a dietician) will talk on balanced diets and bone-friendly foods.

New members or visitors welcome: £1 entrance fee includes tea/coffee.

Call 01792 881767 for further information.

Dance classes
FROM September 9, council-run Berwyn

Centre, Nantymoel, is offering weekly children's dance classes, in conjunction with Bridgend Youth Dance.

Children aged 5-7 and 8-10 can enjoy an hour-long dance class of music and fun.

Details on 01656 754915 or email: www.bridgend.gov.uk/be/rwyn

Jam night
THE Berwyn Centre jam night takes place at Nantymoel on September 8.

For further details, telephone 01656 754915, or email www.bridgend.gov.uk/be/rwyn

Amelia Trust celebrates
THE Amelia Trust Farm is celebrating 20 years of supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community with a Harvest Festival weekend, on September 10 (11am-5pm) and the Big Picnic on September 11 (1pm-4pm).

The Amelia Trust Farm is located on Five Mile Lane (A4226) between Barry (A4050) and Bonvilston (A48).

The Harvest Festival (3pm) is the main fundraising event for the year and the weekend includes games, bouncy castle, crafts, demonstrations, live music, food, tractor rides, entertainment and lots more for all the family.

Entrance is free but all donations are welcome. For further details, please contact the farm office on 01446 782030.

Cenotaph service
BARRY branch of RAFA will be holding a Battle of Britain service at Barry Memorial Hall Cenotaph on Sunday, September 11

(11.45am for 12 mid-day).

Wreaths and crosses will be laid at the cenotaph, to pay tribute to all who lost their lives in the Battle of Britain 1940.

This service especially pays tribute to RAF fighter pilots who flew Spitfire and Hurricane fighter aircraft, and who fought the German Luftwaffe in the air over Britain.

Also on Sunday, September 11 at 2.30pm, there will be a Battle of Britain parade and service (in the church) at the former RAF station, St Athan.

Telephone Mr Horton, chairman, Barry branch RAFA, 01446 740522 or email geoff@horton.co.uk for full details.

Quirky art show



Head 1, Raphaella Fieldhouse.

A 'quirky art show' will be held in the Travellers Gallery, Barry Station, Barry, from September 5 to October 13, when A Twist on Tradition features work by the Cardiff Drawing Group, inspired by traditional Welsh art.

Members of the group will be sketching on the platform at Barry Station in an open drawing session on September 7 between 2.30pm-5pm.

Members of the public are invited to join them, before attending a reception at 5pm.

Local artists show what they can do

THE annual exhibition of the Baruc Art Group took place at Windsor Church Hall in Barry.

There were more than 120 paintings displayed by 25 members and the standard was said to be "very high".

A varied collection included landscapes, still life, animals and flowers and the sales were good, though that was not the main objection.

The main objective was to show the public the work that had been achieved over the last year.

The winner of the public vote was Jan Parsons' painting of horses 'Point to Point'.

Second place went to Jan Mullins with her monkey picture 'Bad Hair Day', and in joint third place was Levean Thomas with her 'Tractor and Dog' and John Thomas with his 'tubby the Dormouse'.

The group meet every Friday morning in Windsor Church Hall between 10am-12noon and welcome budding artists of any ability.

Penarth Aviation Society will host a lifeboat talk

ARTHUR SQUIBBS, Tenby lifeboat station's retired honorary secretary, will give an illustrated talk to members of Penarth Aviation Society on the liaison that often takes place between the Tenby lifeboat and the RAF search and rescue Sea King helicopters.

He will also speak about his 24-year involvement with the RNLI, covering all aspects of a shore-based 24/7 volunteer at Tenby Lifeboat Station.

The meeting will take place tomorrow (September 2) at

7.45pm in Penarth Conservative Club. Penarth Aviation Society meets on the first Friday of each month and visitors are welcome. Further information is available from the secretary, David Ephraim, telephone (01446) 721321; or visit www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk



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Seniors day a huge success

THE Brynhill seniors open day was held on Monday, August 15, and turned out to be a very successful day, with visitors from 20 different courses in the area.

The eventual winner of the 55+ category was the last card in – Martin Lewis from Wenvoe with 40 points, edging out Gareth Tinnuche from Brynhill, who had 38 points and was leader in the clubhouse right until Martin Lewis finished his round.

In the 69+ category,

the winner was Ray Colston on his own course, with a score of 36 points and he also won the Dennis Haydon Trophy for the best of Brynhill's section members.

Second place in this category was seniors section vice-captain Keith Atkinson with 34 points, edging out Trevor Case on countback.

Nearest the pin on the 16th hole was won by Bob Bounds from Brynhill, with the longest drive prize going to Jeff Lewis from Morlais Castle.



Martin Lewis.



Ray Colston.

BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS ROUND-UP

LATEST results from Barrivale:

August 9: 1st, Tom Kendrick and Dave Thomas, 59.72 per cent; 2nd, Denis Mottram and Mark Roderick 58.33; 3rd, Mick Green and Noelle Bond 57.64.

Tom and Dave also won on handi-cap.

August 16: 1st, Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick, 61.81 per cent; 2nd, Jane Brook and Irene Thomas, 56.35; 3rd, Denis Mottram and Mick Green 53.97.

Dave and Tom also won on handi-cap. Pictured (right) are Helen Jordan and Denis Mottram, winners of the recent Doughty Bowl competition.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information ring 01446 733425.

MB



Gareth Tinnuche.



Keith Atkinson.

Six of best for Pumas

BARRY Pumas put six goals past Cardiff County on Sunday, which sees them go up to second place in Lazarou League Division 2.

The goals came from Ben Weekley (2) and Matthew Davie (4). The Cardiff team didn't reply leaving the score 6-0.

This win built on last week's 5-3 win over Michaelstone Rangers.

Morgan Stephens

SOCCER SCHOOL AT DINAS POWYS

DINAS POWYS FC recently held a two day soccer school at the Murch football pitch.

The schools were attended by more than 60 children over the two days. For one or two, it was their first experience of football.

All the players enjoyed fun and games with a mini world cup and champions league in the afternoon.

A big thank you to goes to Jan, Charmaine and Jo, for all the work behind



the scenes, and to all the coaches who gave up their time and effort on both days. Dinas Powys will

look to be being more camps in the new year as the attendances are growing by each one. LS

Cadoxton bowlers enjoy friendly fire at St Fagans!

THE tension and the trauma of league bowls are over for another season, and the players took the advantage of relaxing with an amiable, friendly match, at home, against St Fagans.

The team was selected with a mixture of regular club side and 'A' side players, and met a good quality side

who play in the private greens league.

The game was a good-natured affair, and although all rinks lost, the result was not too important. The friendly atmosphere ensured a pleasant afternoon for all who took part.

A return, away fixture is arranged, for next week. Hopefully the weather will be kind, and another amiable evening can be enjoyed.

Scores: J Stacey, J Sugden, L Davies, A Carpenter 16 – 24; S Clements, L Adams, I Robertson, H Craven 15 – 17; G Solomon, G Davies, W Vaughan, A Brown 14 – 20; G Powell, S Clarke, M Curtis, J Stewart 9 – 18; final score 54 – 79.

COUNTY FINALS DAY

Cadoxton Bowling Club was the venue for the annual finals day of the Vale of Glamorgan County Bowling Association.

The weather was fine, but breezy. There are eleven competitions completed for on a knock-out basis throughout the season, which culminates in this festival day.

The green was handed over to the president Kelvin Chedgoy, and games commenced at 10.30 pm.

Refreshments were provided by the Cadoxton Ladies, who worked endlessly through the day. The event was supported by a sizeable crowd who enjoyed some excellent bowling.

There were six matches played in the morning session, four of which were team games

and two singles.

This was followed in the afternoon, starting at 2.30 pm, by four more singles and the pairs.

The senior Singles was a walkover for Ian Paterson (Penarth Windsor) as his opponent was not available.

RESULTS: - Triples – M Quinn, C Ashman, P Robins (Ely Valley) 21, K Harris, G Thomas, R Horgan (Barry Ath.) 10.

Fours – W Humphries, M Davies, (Caerul Welfare) G Cogbill, J Wright, (Barry Romilly) K Llewellyn, P Hookings 25 B Foscolo, D Wright 19

Senior Fours – J Roberts, R Foster, R Lewis, R Jones, M Duckfield, L Harris (Porthcawl) 24; D Dalby, N Chandler (Penarth) 12.

Senior Pairs – H Meddins, C Todd (Dinas Powis) 2, K Clayton, M Symons (Wyndham) 10

Champion of Champions – L Stanley (Barry Athletic) 21, A Hunter (Bridgend Municipal) 13.

Two Bowl – T Pearson (Pencoed) 15, D Edwards (Sully) 9.

Singles – J Greenslade (Penarth) 21, M Prosser (Ely Valley) 15.

Under-18s – J Jones (Ogmore Vale) 21, L Peters (Dinas Powis) 13.

Under-25s – P Taylor (Bridgend) 21, D Wright (Barry Romilly) 12.

Under-35s – S McKernan 21, S Hill (Porthcawl) 15.

Pairs – R Jones, C James (Millwood) 19, C Ashman, P Robins (Ely Valley) 17.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL COWBRIDGE (AMENDMENT TO CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT TO PARKING CONTROL) ORDER 2011

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and pursuant to Part IV of Schedule 9 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is as specified in the Schedule below.

2. Full details of the proposals including the proposed Order and detailed plans numbered T/11/48/CEP & T/11/49/CEP may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Head of Visible Services (Ref. IF653) in writing by 23rd September 2011 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

In The Vale of Glamorgan Council Cowbridge (Consolidation and Amendments) (Parking Control) Order 2009.

Revoke Schedule 4.

No Waiting 8.00am to 9.15am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm Monday to Friday Town Mill Road

In Schedule 1. Amend entry relating to Eastgate, paragraph 1 to read:-

"On its north side from the eastern entrance to Town Hall Square for a distance of 57 metres east and from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Druids Green to a point 10 metres east of that junction and from its junction with Aberthin Road for a distance of 55 metres west."

In Schedule 5. Amend the entry relating to Eastgate to read:-

"On its north side from a point 57 metres east of the eastern entrance to Town Hall Square for a distance of 110 metres east and from a point 177 metres east of that junction to a point 15 metres west of its junction with Druids Green and from a point 10 metres east of that junction to a point 55 metres west of its junction with Aberthin Road A4222."

Dated this 1st day of September 2011

M. E. Punter
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA



GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2011 AR GYFER DIWYGIO GORCHYMYN (ATGYFNERTHU A DIWYGIO RHEOLI PARCIO) YN Y BONT-FAEN

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adranau 1 a 2 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig), a phob pŵer galluogi arall ac yn unol â Rhan IV Atodlen 9, yn gwneud Gorchymyn i'r dibenion cyffredinol a eglurwyd yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Cewch weld y cynigion llawn, gan gynnwys y Gorchymyn arfaethedig a chynlluniau manwl T/11/48/CEP a T/11/49/CEP yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Dylech gyfeirio unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig at Bennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy (Cyf. IF653) ar ffurf llythyr erbyn 23 Medi 2011, gan egluro'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.

3. Os oes gennych wrthwynebiad i'r Gorchymyn, cofiwch fod gan y cyhoedd hawl o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985 i weld unrhyw sylwadau sy'n cael eu gwneud, a bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cyngor i ddarparu ar gyfer hynny.

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Diddymu Atodlen 4.

Dim Aros 8.00am - 9.15am / 2.30pm - 4.00pm rhwng dydd Llun a dydd Gwener Town Mill Road

Atodlen 1. Newid paragraff 1 o'r cofnod sy'n sôn am Eastgate fel y canlyn :-

"Ar ei hochr ogleddol o'r fynedfa ddwyreiniol i Town Hall Square am 57 metr i'r dwyrain ac o fan sy'n 15 metr i'r gorllewin o'i chyffordd â Druids Green hyd at fan sy'n 10 metr i'r dwyrain o'r gyffordd honno; ac o'i chyffordd ag Aberthin Road am 55 metr i'r gorllewin."

Atodlen 5. Newid y cofnod sy'n sôn am Eastgate fel y canlyn:-

"Ar ei hochr ogleddol o fan sy'n 57 metr i'r dwyrain o'r fynedfa ddwyreiniol i Town Hall Square am 110 metr i'r dwyrain, ac o fan sy'n 177 metr i'r dwyrain o'r gyffordd honno, hyd at fan sy'n 15 metr i'r gorllewin o'i chyffordd â Druids Green, ac o fan sy'n 10 metr i'r dwyrain o'r gyffordd honno, am 55 metr i'r gorllewin o'i chyffordd ag Aberthin Road A4222."

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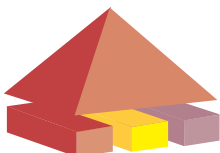
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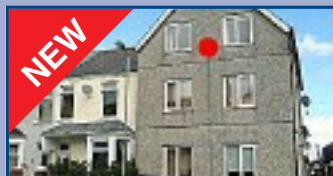
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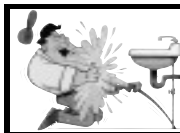
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Congratulations TIM JAYNES

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x x x

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Love from Mum, Derren and Tim.
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Birth Notices

congratulations
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Family Notices

COLES Martyn

Peacefully at his home on August 18, 2011. Martyn, aged 43 years. A special son of Jan and Jeff, loving father of Emma, devoted brother of Richard, brother-in-law of Mair, uncle of Daniel and Stephen, loving friend of Gillian, Martyn will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Resting at AG Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until his service in the chapel on Monday, September 5 at 1.45pm. Followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium. No flowers but donations can be made if desired to Velindre Hospital Cancer Care may be handed to the funeral director.

Elizabeth Ellen Miles

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Take notice that the above department has received the following application under the above Act from Mr Julian Quinson Hitchcock for The Bear Hotel, 63 High Street, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7AF to be a premises approved as a venue for Marriage and Civil Partnership Ceremonies.

This application and associated plans are available for public inspection between 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU.

Any person wishing to object to the grant of this approval should write to the above address giving reasons for their objection within 21 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Peter H Evans
Director of Legal, Public Protection & Housing
Services



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Hysbysir drwy hyn fod yr adran a enwir uchod wedi derbyn y cais canlynol o ddiwedd y Ddeddf uchod gan Mr Julian Quinson Hitchcock ar gyfer The Bear Hotel, 63 Y Stryd Fawr, Y Bont-fawr, Bro Morgannwg CF71 7AF i fod yn safle cymeradwyr ar gyfer cynnal Seremonïau Priodas a Partneriaeth Sifil.

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Peter H Evans
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NEWS FROM COWBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB

Triples trophy a close call

ONLY one match was played this week by Cowbridge bowlers, with the men playing a friendly at home to Bridgend Municipal and winning by 60-35.

Only 15 ends were possible as it was getting dark by 8.30pm. The only close match was on John Jones' rink, which won on the last end, picking up two shots to win 10-9. John was helped by Terry Dinsworth, Howard Owen and Guy Morton.

Steve Dickens' rink of Danny Powell, Rob Lewis and Mink Davey won 18-6.

Gerwyn Watkins, Clive Pritchard and Alan Richards, with skip Dennis Snelling, won 18-11, and skip Peter Launders' rink of Len Taylor, Bryan Hole (playing his first game) and Ron Woolford, won 14-9.

The Ladies had two cancelled matches.

At the weekend, the annual club triples was played. There were 24

entries, so eight teams played on Saturday morning, with the match between husband and wife, Norman and Shirley Wilkinson, being a hard-fought win for Shirley by 19-14.

Shirley was helped by Ron Frayling and Gerwyn Watkins, while Norman had Mary Thomas and John Hunt.

Dennis Snellings' rink of Janet Morton and Pauline McAllen beat David Jones' rink of Pat Holdsworth and Colin Wilson by 21-7.

Alan Wallace, Diana Lewis and Peter Launder had a very close game against Jean Hunt, Thelma Jones and Len Taylor, only just winning 15-11.

In the final match, Byron Richards' rink of Ron Woolford and Diane Purnell beat Lynda Wilson, Guy Morton and Helena Snelling, 20-6.

The semi-finals were played Saturday afternoon with Shirley's team beating Dennis' team 14-7, and Byron's team beating Peter's team 16-9.

That set up a final, played on

Sunday afternoon, amid sunshine and showers, with Ron Frayling, Gerwyn Watkins and Shirley Wilkinson against Ron Woolford, Diane Purnell and Byron Richards. In an excellent match, Shirley's rink took an eight shot lead before the rain came. The game was stopped for 10 mins.

After the re-start, Byron's rink pulled back seven shots to make the score 13-12 to Shirley.

Then, with the score at 16-15 with three ends to play, Byron's rink picked up five shots to lead 20-16 with two ends to play.

But Shirley's 'never say die' rink, got the score to 20-20, so they had to play an extra end to decide the winner.

It was Shirley's rink, picking up one shot to win 21-20.

Well done to the winners and all who took part in an excellent weekend.

The trophy was presented by our club president, Brenda Dwek, and it was nice to see Gerwyn Watkins, in his first season of bowling, picking up a trophy.

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE?

Ms Glynis Donovan-Jones - 2 Cliff Parade, Penarth - demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two storey rear extension to existing dwelling.

Mr Andrew Miller - Brynheulog, St Andrews Road, Wenvoe - proposed extension to existing residential dwelling and curtilage.

Mr Marco Zerasci - Marco's Café, Paget Road, Barry Island - raise seating areas to south and east of café with construction of glazed canopy over. Mrs Marie Farmer - 4 Mount Pleasant, Barry - to remove the inner gatepost pillar serving the north-west entrance and attach electrically operated gates in same style as existing gates to the two remaining pillars.

Mr Alun Davies - Woodside House, Church Rise, Wenvoe - high hedge.

Mr V Fenny - 4 Little Orchard, Dinas Powys - addition of solar photovoltaic panels.

Mr Kevin Davies - 24 Cwrt Y Vil Road, Penarth - single storey lean-to extension incorporating kitchen and living area.

Mr Edward Pickford - United World College of the Atlantic, St Donats Castle, Llantwit Major - all in one ropes course.

Mr Kelyne Mills - Walterston Fach, Walterston, Barry -

installation of freestanding solar panels.

Mr Leonard Smith - 11 Church Avenue, Penarth - new lean-to extension to side of house.

Gordon Hadfield - the Seashore Grill, Beach Road, Swanbridge - proposal for works to form roof terrace, including three external stairs, glazed covers, flue pipe and associated works (retrospective).

Mr Paul Dawson - 5 Regency Close, Llantwit Major - conservatory.

Lyn Evans - 44 South Road, Sully - fell 12 pines.

Mr and Mrs O'Connor - 1 Crosshill, Barry - proposed first floor conservatory.

Mrs Emma Keogh - 2 Church Road, Penarth - retrospective application for single storey side extension.

Mr Andrew Gauci - land opposite Glenholme, Peterston Super Ely - building for the storage of machinery, animal feed and tractor.

Mr Stuart Leeke - The Old Barn, St Mary Church - replacement conservatory to rear elevation.

Mr Paul Bryant - Pant Caredig, Llyswoyney - rear extension comprising kitchen and bedroom with internal replanning.

Ms Carol Tilbury - 2 Leigh Close, Llantwit Major - single storey extension to rear of dwelling for a

kitchen/utility room. Attached garage to side of dwelling.

Mr Richard Onions - 2 Baron Close, Penarth - construction of a detached dwelling and garage.

Mr M Halbert - 2 Cora Street, Barry - refurbishment and alterations of existing house and outbuilding to three flats.

Vale of Glamorgan Council - 4 Stewart Road, Rhoose - replacement of glazing units.

Mr Martin Rivers - RAFA Club, 21 Porthkerry Road, Barry - change of use from former RAFA Club to 15 supported bedsits for the homeless, communal laundry room, offices and a meeting/training room.

Mr Kenny Willan - 169 Lavernock Road, Penarth - rear extension and loft conversion to existing.

Mr Nigel Draper - Queen Camel, Swanbridge Road, Sully - erection of a conservatory to the rear of the property.

Mr Chris Richardson - 4 Pleasant View, Barry - house extension to create new lounge on ground floor.

Loft space converted and enlarged to accommodate new bedrooms.

Mr Manzor Ahmed - 247 Holton Road, Barry - change of use from vacant shop to fast food takeaway.

Mr Philip Dando - Springfield Court,

Peterston Super Ely - change of use of existing agricultural building to 18 internal stables for racehorses with horse walker and manege.

Mrs Mary Wehner - 13 Windsor Road, Penarth - proposed conversion of existing flat (over first and second floors) into two self-contained flats above coffee#1 commercial premises.

GH Haynes - St Quentin's House, Llanblethian - remove a sycamore.

David and Hilary Burnett - Lindens Lodge, Bradford Place, Penarth - maintenance work and removal of tree.

Mrs Emma Giles - 21 Morgan Street, Barry - erection of a single storey rear extension.

Coastal Oil and Gas Limited - Unit 1, Llandow Industrial Estate, Llandow - drill and test the insitu lower limestone and associated strata for the presence of gas.

Mr M Owenstone - 76 South Road, Sully - rear single storey extension.

Mr Joseph Kelly - 32 Somerset View, Ogmere by Sea - create dormer similar to existing and include French/sliding doors with a Juliet balcony.

Replace existing dormer window with French/sliding doors and Juliet balcony.

The Vale's National is not so grand for some local golfers!



Winners Rhyddian Harris and Trevor Wooding with sponsor Mark Brown, Tosh Taylor and Carl Brown.

THE opportunity of playing their monthly competition on one of the most demanding golf courses in south Wales proved quite a dilemma to the members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society.

While the majority accepted the challenge, there were a few who decided to make alternative arrangements, rather than test their skills on the Wales National Course at Hensol.

Acknowledged as being one of the longest courses in Europe when played off the back tees, it also lived up to its reputation of being one of the toughest, and was undoubtedly the main reason why attending a speed awareness course seemed more attractive for one member.

In addition, a 30-minute suspension in play to allow for the passing of an electrical storm also proved a distraction, resulting in the majority of participants returning well below average scores.

At the end of an extended day's play it was in-form Trevor Wooding, recording his second success in 48 hours on the same course, who was declared the winner of the Anthony Brown Cup with a hard-earned 28 points.

Tosh Taylor, now thankfully recovered from his recent 4 and 2 demolition on the same course in the Nipper Jewell Knock Out competition, finished runner-up with 26, and Glyn Watts-Jones with 25 finished third. Jim Hayes, also with 25, finished fourth.

Two days earlier, Trevor had won his semi-final of the Nipper



Veteran golfers John Davies, Gwyn Evans, Glyn Watts-Jones and David Thomas made it all the way round the National.

Jewell Knock Out Competition with a 3 and 2 win over society captain Tony McCarthy. Trevor will now play Julian Kelly in the final, following Julian's 4 and 3 success over Reg Davies.

Top score for Rhyddian
RHYDDIAN HARRIS, playing off a handicap of four, managed to defy the odds by returning the best score of the day of 35 stableford points to easily win the guest section.

The runner-up in this section was sponsor Anthony Brown with 28 points.

Julian Golunski, also with 28 points but an inferior better back nine, finished third.

The 'Premier Turf' sponsored lost ball competition proved quite a talking point at the evening's presentation ceremony, when it was reported that 159 balls had found their way into the many lakes or adjoining woods and fields.

This resulted in £50 being raised for the Llantwit Major Lifeguards' charity.

Nearest the pin on the par 3 holes were Trevor Wooding, Tosh Taylor, Rhyddian Harris and John

Caines, with Penllyn resident Neal Fenn winning the 'James Hog Roast' sponsored longest drive competition.

National record for the veterans!
SPECIAL mention must be made of the supreme effort of veteran golfers David Thomas, Gwyn Evans, Glyn Watts-Jones and John Davies, whose aggregate age of 323 years must surely be a record for a four-baller to play on this internationally known course, which is often featured on Sky Sports.

The society's next meeting will be the annual challenge match against members of the Monmouthshire Farmers' Society, scheduled for Thursday, September 22, at Dewstow Golf Club.

Following last year's excellent win over their farming friends from Monmouthshire, the Glamorgan team will have to be in top form if they want to retain the inter-county farming trophy. Vice-captain Lyn Thomas is currently assembling a strong squad and members interested in playing should make contact with Lyn.

This will be followed a week later on September 2 by the society's monthly meeting, sponsored by Arthur John & Co taking place at Morlais Castle Golf Club. TMcC

Bryn Hafren school PUPILS' GCSE JOY

As you can see from these pictures, taken by IAN DIXON, the GCSE celebrations were in full swing at Bryn Hafren school in Barry, where the pupils were celebrating the best set of results the school has recorded. A suitable cause for celebration, we're sure you will agree!



Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools senior (sixth form) championships, Cardiff International Sports Stadium

Ayla the star at championships

AYLA PHILLIPS produced the top performance by a Vale sixth former at the Cardiff & the Vale Schools senior track and field championships at Cardiff International Sports Stadium.

The former Llantwit pupil was a prolific setter of new hammer records from years 9 to 11 in the junior and middle age groups, but has been stuck at distances around the 35 metres mark since she hit 35.11 on her debut in this senior age group in 2009.

Thankfully, the current Barry College student looks to be on course for much better results this summer as she hurled the 4 kg hammer out to 39.08 metres mark to add nearly four metres to her own best – and for good measure she also claimed the shot title with a put of 9.82 metres.

Former St Cyres pupil Bradley Cole ensured 'Barry College' a hammer double with a comfortable win in the boys' event with a throw of 48.20 metres and then added further team points with a win

in the javelin (50.11) and a second place in the discus.

On an afternoon when pupils from schools in Glamorgan Valleys district competed as guests, there were seven other Vale winners – Dominic Farr (Bro Morgannwg, 800), Sam Bunkham (Cowbridge, TJ), Bethan Daw (St Cyres, 800), Sabrina James (Cow) 13:36.3, (Cowbridge, 1,500), Nicole Collier (Cowbridge, HJ), Ellie Carter (Bryn Hafren, LJ) and Georgina Jackson (Cowbridge, JT).

In the team competitions, Cowbridge claimed both titles and put more than 600 points into their pot in defence of their overall points trophy.

The nine winners are due to receive their awards at the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' track and field presentation evening, which will be held at Whichchurch Lower School on Tuesday, September 13, starting at 7pm.

Results of Vale sixth formers

Senior Boys

100: 6 Dane Sexton (Cow) 12.9; 7 Sam Bunkham (Cow) 13.2; 200: 4 Jack Laidlaw (Cow) 27.2; 5 Sam

Street (Cow) 27.3; 400: 2 Rhys Allin (Cow) 54.5; 6 Josh Thomas (Cow) 72.8; 800: 1 Dominic Farr (Bro M) 2:05.5; 2 Owen Haswell (Stan) 2:05.8; 5 Matt Logsdon (Cow) 2:30.3; 6 Richard Wilks (Cow) 3:29.2; 1,500: 4 Richard Wilks (Cow) 5:57.2; 3,000: 2 Dylan Layzell (Cow) 12:26.2; 5 Jack Roberts (Cow) 13:36.3; 110H: 3 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 32.9; 400H: 2 Tom Phillips (Stan) 59.8; 3 Darren Wilkins (Lwt) 66.7; 4 Samuel Morgan (Cow) 73.3; 4x100: 2 Cowbridge 50.5; HJ: 5 Einar Scott (Bro M) 1.60; 6 Matt Logsdon (Cow) 1.50; 8 Josh Thomas (Cow) 1.45; PV: 4 Rhyddian Mepharm (Bro M) 2.40; LJ: 2 Sam Bunkham (Cow) 5.24; 4 Jack Laidlaw (Cow) 5.03; TJ: 1 Sam Bunkham (Cow) 11.67; 4 Jack Laidlaw (Cow) 11.21; 8 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 8.98; SP: 3 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 10.20; 4 Tom Perry (Bro M) 9.74; 6 Peter Pemberton (Stan) 9.41; 7 Matt Logsdon (Cow) 9.17; DT: 2 Bradley Cole (Barry Coll) 36.31; 4 Tom Perry (Bro M)

29.06; 5 Peter Pemberton (Stan) 25.49; 6 Einar Scott (Bro M) 23.62; 7 Sam Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 21.96; 8 Matt Logsdon (Cow) 20.05; HT: 1 Bradley Cole (Barry Coll) 48.20; 4 Tom Perry (Bro M) 21.83; 5 Sam Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 20.08; 6 Einar Scott (Bro M) 19.76; 7 Will Johnson (Cow) 18.05; 8 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 14.78; JT: 1 Bradley Cole (Barry Coll) 50.11; 4 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 30.39; 5 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 28.14; 6 Will Johnson (Cow) 27.10; Teams: 1 (Cow) 357; 3 (Bro M) 108; 6 (Barry Coll) 82; 8 (Stan) 54; 12 Llantwit 14.

Senior Girls

100: 2 Ellie Carter (Bryn Haf) 13.7; 3 Georgia Kemeys (Cow) 15.7; 4 Jess Hayes (Cow) 15.9; 5 Amber Pringle (Bryn Haf) 16.8; 200: 2 Jessica Hayes (Cow) 32.6; 3 Megan Doyle (Bryn Haf) 33.7; 4 Amber Pringle (Bryn Haf) 34.1; 5 Lydia James (Cow) 36.8; 400: 2 Katie Howson (Cow) 77.0; 800: 1 Bethan Daw (St Cy) 2:26.2; 4 Georgia Kemeys (Cow) 3:14.4; 5 Verity Morgan (Cow)

3:14.4; 1,500: 1 Sabrina James (Cow) 6:20.2; 3,000: 2 Hollie Priest (Cow) 15:23.6; 3 Alyson Bater (Cow) 16:10.9; 100H: 2 Georgina Jackson (Cow) 21.2; 4x100: 2 Bryn Hafren 60.1; 3 Cowbridge 61.7; HJ: 1 Nicole Collier (Cow) 1.35; LJ: 1 Ellie Carter (Bryn Haf) 4.73; 4 Leanne Jones (Lwt) 3.86; 5 Jordan Dent (Bryn Haf) 3.80; 6 Georgia Kemeys (Cow) 3.71; 8 Lydia James (Cow) 3.01; TJ: 2 Georgia Jackson (Cow) 7.81; SP: 1 Ayla Phillips (Barry Coll) 9.82; 2 Louise Edwards (Cow) 6.96; 3 Lucy Mitchell (Bryn Haf) 5.04; DT: 2 Lucy Mitchell (Bryn Haf) 18.02; 3 Amy Taylor (Cow) 15.80; HT: 1 Ayla Phillips (Barry Coll) 39.08 cbp; 2 Louise Edwards (Cow) 14.96; JT: 1 Georgina Jackson (Cow) 15.96; 2 Katie Howson (Cow) 14.04; 3 Ellie Carter (Bryn Haf) 13.83; Teams: 1 Cowbridge 302; 2 Bryn Hafren 141; 4 Barry College 34; 8 St Cyres 17; 11 Llantwit 13.

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Cadoxton are victors in 'pulsating' must-win game

LOCAL club, Millwood came to Cadoxton, in a relegation battle with the loser going down.

There was plenty of spirit shown by both sides, with the visitors bringing verbal support, to urge their team on.

In a pulsating game, the outcome was success for Cadoxton by the narrowest of margin of one single shot.

Don Kuhnell was drawn against a strong rink including Colin James and skipped by Roger Jones.

After losing a '3' on the first end Cadoxton drew level with three singles. (At this stage the home side held a nine shot aggregate lead, which was increased to 16 on the next.)

However, during the next nine ends Roger's

rink took charge and moved the score along to 18-3.

In spite of that a partial recovery started on Don's rink which reduced the deficit to 10 by the close.

Meanwhile, Howard Craven was building a commanding lead, from the start, against the opposing rink skipped by Alan Bumford.

The opening ends produced a '4', two '3's a '2' and a single for a 13-0 benefit. Only six ends were conceded, during the game, whilst ten further ends were won.

They were the first rink to finish, having 15 shots in their favour. However, the other rinks still had three ends to play and Millwood held a 6 shot dominance.

Derek Brock skippered the third rink against an in-form Brian Crockett who regularly spoiled

good positions. However, the home side kept fighting and although trailing by ten shots, they reduced it by scoring a vital '2' on the last end.

Ashley Brown played superbly against an ex-Cadoxton player Andrew Hatcher, who skipped the other rink.

In the early stages, a gain went in favour of Cadoxton, with a 9-2 advantage.

The scores were levelled at 9-9, but then the benefit swung back and forth, with the scores tied on three more occasions. The last time was on the penultimate end.

Going into the final end with one rink finished, Cadoxton trailed by seven shots.

Their two losing rinks scored a '2' each on the last end, which still left a three shot deficit.

Three shots were held by Ashley's rink when he

added a further shot with his last bowl.

Andrew's final bowl ran through the head too far to count and Cadoxton triumphed by just one shot to prevent relegation.

It was a pity, in such a dramatic match, that one side had to lose their place in the league.

T Bishop, L Davies, G Brown, A Brown 22, C Peters, T Williams, E Collier, A Hatcher 18; M Mathews, K Chedgoy, I Robertson, H Craven 24, K Mills, K Davies, M Jodrell, A Bumford 9;

G Solomon, L Cundliffe, J Davies, D Kuhnell 12, T Mullins, D Jeffries, C James, R Jones 22; P Ellis, W Vaughan, J Crout, D Brook 15;

T Mahoney, N Gronow, B Webb, B Crockett 23.

Final score: 73-72.

CADOXTON 'A' v SPLOTT PHOENIX - ML5

UNFORTUNATELY, the 'A' side were unable to emulate the success of the club side when they travelled to Sploitt Phoenix.

Sea View lads lose Vale derby to Wick

A BUSY weekend for The View with all three teams in action.

Saturday saw a double header with the firsts and seconds in pre-season action against Wick RFC and Cardiff Bus RFC respectively.

On Sunday, it was the turn of the Ravens to take on Gorseinon RFC.

The firsts lost an entertaining game 14-0 to a quality Wick side, now playing their trade in WRU Division 6.

The seconds recorded the first win of the season beating a much improved Bus side 34-19.

Both teams are benefiting from the hard pre-season fitness work and the new coaching structure of Messrs Stanforth, Thomas and Williams.

Post match, the teams retired to the new clubhouse, Barry Island Sports and Social Club, to watch the Wales v Argentina match.

On Sunday, the Ravens took on Gorseinon Ladies, losing a hard-fought encounter 53-17, but there were many positives from the game.

The Ravens eight drove the opposition off the ball on several occasions.

Many thanks as always to our loyal supporters and to the management and committee of Barry Island Sports and Social Club for giving us a new home!

Saturday sees The View journey to the Valleys for a final pre-season match at New Tredegar RFC, the opposition in our first-ever match three seasons ago. The coach is booked! MV

Westend Netball Club is ready for league



WESTEND Netball Club finished the Vale summer league on a high.

Both teams did really well, Westend 1 coming in fourth place out of 14 teams, and

Westend 2 being named team of the season!

Both teams played some cracking netball and are now looking forward to the Cardiff league starting in September which will be played at Sofia Gardens.

A club spokeswoman said: "Congratulations to M Heffernan and Chantelle Meah who were named players of the league for both teams - well done ladies."

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Dinas fail to solve Caerleon problem

DINAS started this game hoping they had learned lessons from the previous defeat by Caerleon and for the first 10 minutes it looked as if they had.

They passed well but after 15 minutes, as the visitors came more into the game, Dinas began to give away too many free kicks, especially close to their 18-yard box.

The first effort from Caerleon's Bickerton was blocked and cleared but another one just five minutes later got through the wall and Damien Lack made an excellent diving save to push the ball round the post.

The hosts had their chances and a good pass from Chris Hinam found Matt Trotman, whose cross just evaded Richard Yarr's boot. The Dinas midfield of Jeremy, Hinds, Offer, Trotman and Yarr were battling well against their bigger opponents, but Caerleon almost opened the scoring when Luke Palmer fired a shot through a crowd-

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ed area which Lack saw late but saved well.

He was kept busy, making a double save when Mark Gunter beat the offside trap to force Lack to save with his legs and Jamie Davies, following up, couldn't beat the Dinas keeper with his effort.

However, on the stroke of half-time, a Caerleon free kick on the left touchline was whipped in by Bickerton and Gunter got to it first to fire home from six yards for the opener.

Dinas started the second half well and a fine run and cross from Liam Jeremy found Yarr but he couldn't control it and the chance was gone.

Dinas then settled into what they do best, passing to feet, but the visitors began to take control again.

As a result, Phil Clay brought on Ricki Morgan for Owen Richmond, and he soon made his presence felt forcing a corner which was scrambled away.

The Dinas cause was then dealt a huge blow when Jo Hinds was given his marching orders for a second bookable offence in the

10th minute of the half.

Further substitutions were made to try and get something out of the game with Dunford and McCarthy replacing Jeremy and Tedstone, but with 13 minutes remaining Caerleon got their second when Gunter latched onto a through ball to beat Lack down low from eight yards.

The visitors made the most of the man advantage in the last 10 minutes but couldn't add to their tally as Davies, Pennikett and Hinam battled really well to keep them at bay.

Dinas entertain Tata Steel on Saturday, August 27 with a 2.30pm kick-off and hope that their fortunes will change.

Dinas: Damien Lack, Rhys Davies, Owen Richmond, Chris Hinam (c), Dave Pennikett, Jo Hinds, Matt Trotman, Kyle Offer, Gareth Tedstone, Liam Jeremy, Richard Yarr, Chris Lewis, Mark Dunford, Paul McCarthy, Ricki Morgan.

For more information, visit www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk
PETER KING

Barry's real victory was getting game on!

THE fans, club officials, management, players, youth team volunteers and older volunteers, all helped to stage a home Welsh league fixture for Barry Town.

This was despite being told that it was an impossible task!

A club spokesman told The GEM: "To every person involved in any small way, they should give themselves a huge pat on the back because the team played again at Jenner Park.

"Special thanks go to Eddie Latimer, one of the club's more venerable supporters for sponsoring the game too, and also to Gavin Chesterfield and the players for sticking with the club through an atrociously difficult period.

"The club has a team that cares for the shirt, for their own performances and for their manager, and positive results will come their way sooner rather than later.

"The fight is far from over and the one thing that this summer has proved is that the club, fans, officials and players have got character and defiance - by the bucket load."

Lose 2-0? The clubs attitude is that it is just another hurdle to overcome. Town's passing game never really got going in the first half and at the interval, they trailed 1-0 following a fine 20 yard strike from the edge of the box from Celtic's

Barry Town 0 Cwmbran Celtic 2

by **DAVID COLE**

Dale Howarth.

Both sides showed plenty of endeavour but chances were few and far between and on the half hour Celtic had a strong call for a penalty turned down.

The resultant free-kick, as the Town faithful gleefully sang (and noisily they were all night too), saw the ball fly over the bar (apparently into the neighbour's garden at number 4).

Celtic marginally edged the first half and their willingness to leave three strikers "up top" kept the Town defence busy.

The second period was a far more open affair with Town having the bulk of the possession without really creating any clear-cut chances.

Lee Baldock, after good work on the left, just mistimed a shot that flew past the bar on the hour.

With Barry having such dominance an

equaliser may have led to more, but huff and puff as they might, that all-important goal would not come.

The last 10 minutes became 20 as Celtic's Lanyon elbowed Alfie Bashir and got his marching orders.

Then, as he tentatively walked back to the dressing rooms, Lanyon booted a ball over the stand behind the goal almost onto the nice Bentley, owned by a London-based potential suitor, parked in the owner's car park.

Celtic's keeper Church then suffered dislocated fingers causing further delays.

Celtic nicked a second in the sixth minute of time added on, when Owen Llewellyn rounded the keeper to give the visitors a 2-0 win.

If the lads can just add a little finesse to the massive second half effort they put in, the corner will be turned.

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How true. BMC, which later became the nationalised British Leyland Ltd, also had a poor reputation for substandard build quality, as the actor Ian Ogilvy recalled when I spoke to him about his time as *The Saint* in the 1970s. His Jaguar XJS was regularly pushed onto screen.

Where BMC just couldn't seem to get it right, Mini's new owners, BMW, most certainly has. Its £1.7bn operating profit for the first quarter of 2011 is testament to the fact that it knows how to build cars and consequently has a very loyal following.

The new Mini Cooper SD (Sports Diesel) is a far superior vehicle in every way. My only complaint is that it's too big and bulbous (like too many cars these days) compared to the original, whose looks and seat-of-the-pants ride still take some beating for me.

Today's Mini combines the joys of driving a classic with all

the mod-cons of a modern car – a winning formula. In short, a Super Dooper Mini Cooper – that's what the SD should stand for. I like the distinctive grille and air vent on the bonnet and the centre mounted twin exhausts.

This aggressively sporty look keeps all other vehicles at bay. On clasp the chrome handle and opening the driver's door, it is an absolute pleasure to be met by such a detailed retro interior and dashboard, which instantly transports you back to the swinging '60s.

There are smatterings of chrome on the edges of the speedometer and switches for the fog lights and windows. The latter sitting underneath the radio/CD player in the centre of the car rather than on the doors as is usually the way.

The air vents are reminiscent of the ends of classic hair dryers. All this attention to detail really creates an experience, in the same way as driving a far more expensive car like a Jaguar or Bentley.

Probably the most striking feature of the dashboard is the enormous chrome edged revolution counter in the centre that harks back to the original Mini and really does bring a smile to the face. My wife particularly likes this as she can keep a close eye on the speed! It's enchanting to watch the counter move as the speed increases.

The beige leather seats are comfortable and similar to those found across the BMW range. There's not a huge amount of room inside the Mini but then there never was. While the boot is admittedly larger than the original, it is still quite poky.

Who would ever imagine a Mini to have cruise control? Add to that a slick six-speed gearbox and a 2-litre diesel 143bhp engine

(the same unit that BMW fits to the 1-Series 118d) and there's a recipe for both speed and economy – during the test it has averaged 56.9mpg.

On first acquaintance, the super light gearbox caused a little difficulty for me because reverse is in near proximity to first gear. But when you realise that you have to nudge the gearstick as far to the left as possible, it's simple. There's a smooth gear change.

For added efficiency there's auto stop/start, which kicks in when the car has stopped and the foot removed from the clutch.

The boisterous Cooper is entertaining and fun to drive with its stiff suspension adding that extra sense of sportiness and it really will shift if necessary, making any safe overtaking manoeuvre thoroughly invigorating as the G-force pushes the occupants back in their seats.

I agree with Parkers, the car experts, who say that it "spears through bends with laser-guided accuracy". It's a joy to drive. Engage sports mode and the steering tightens up and the controls become more responsive.

Overall, BMW has created a very fine and capable, good quality vehicle that will satisfy those looking for a characterful alternative to a run-of-the-mill Ford, Vauxhall or Volkswagen. The Mini has become a fashionable brand in its own right and quite rightly one of Britain's favourite cars.

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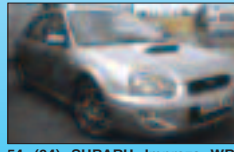
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GEM sport

BARRY ATHLETIC CRICKET ROUND-UP

Weather the winner as Stags denied victory

BARRY Athletic 1st XI were outfoxed by the weather, in their clash against Cardiff Gymkhana CC at Llanrumney University Fields.

Just over half a match was played and the Stags would have felt aggrieved that, if it hadn't been for the weather, they would have been favourites to record a tenth consecutive win in the league.

Although they lost the toss, Barry started fantastically in the field with John Gee looking in fine form.

Gee tore through the Gymkhana top order, showing a fine display of seam bowling and getting his just rewards with figures of 4-39 from 13 overs. Steve Jones (1-40), Billy Usswald (2-22) and Jake Griffith (2-40) all contributed with wickets as the home side never really got going.

Despite the efforts of I. Jaura (47) and T. Singh (24), the Stags were dominant and Gymkhana were eventually bowled out for just 151 in 38.1 overs.

The Stags were only able to bat for eight overs before the heavens opened and play was abandoned. Barry closed on 33-0 with Gavin White (12 no) and Nathan Baker (7 no) at the wicket.

RAIN STOPS PLAY AT THE BARRY OVAL

Despite the magnificent efforts of groundsman, Ian Gadd, Barry Athletic 2nd XI's match, against Croesyceiliog CC, was cancelled.

This was the first match to be cancelled at the Barry Oval for almost two seasons, emphasising the unbelievable work that Mr Gadd does on the Barry Oval square.

3RD XI TOPPLE LEADERS AT

THE BARRY OVAL

Barry Athletic 3rd XI pulled off a fine 20-run victory against Llantwit Major Cavaliers CC, at the ever popular Barry Oval.

On a damp wicket with plenty of green, the visitors won the toss and without hesitation, chose to bowl first.

The decision was justified in the first 15 overs, with the Stags slumping to just 49-5; Dave Cheal (2-15) and James Snelson (2-18) starting with the ball. However, a fine 160-run partnership between Gavin White (82 no) and Jake Griffith (77 no) brought the game back into Barry's control, with both players showing their class and abilities.

The Cavaliers had no answer in the second half of the innings as Barry closed on a fine 204-5 from their 40 overs.

After the tea interval, the Stags had a game on their hands with the visitors' top order all contributing with the bat; Jonathan Cheal (69) and Phil Harris (50 no) both starred.

But, with the required run rate increasing at a consistent rate, the Stags were always in control. Wickets were shared around, with Sam Walsh, Andy Ellis and Rhys Hutton all contributing.

The pressure soon became a major factor in the innings as the visitors collapsed from 145-3 to 180-8. The visitors closed on just 185-9 from their 40 overs.

STAGS CELEBRATE MIDWEEK CUP VICTORY

Ashley Baker became the first Stag captain to lead his Barry Midweek XI team to cup glory, as they won the 2/35 Midweek Cup after a thrilling 3-run victory against Tynnewydd Inn, at the Barry Oval.

After winning the toss and batting first, the Stags raced to 47-0 from the first five overs, with Nathan Baker (35 ret.) and Gavin White (37 ret.) both in top-form.

However, after both retired not out, the Tynny boys were forcing their way back into the match, with two quick wickets, bringing in the captain.

With contributions from Andrew Buckland (12) and Billy Usswald (10), the Stags rallied to 144-6 from their 20 overs. Baker was caught off the final ball of the innings for 34 from just

22 balls.

The Tynny's reply was 'stop-start' as only three batsmen posted threatening scores; Rhett Jones (40 ret.) and Scott Malpas (34) provided them with a fantastic start.

However, the Stags recovered and began taking wickets at regular intervals. Bowlers, Dafydd Frost (2-9) and Gavin White (2-7) starred for Barry as the middle order collapsed and were left a mammoth task of winning.

This didn't stop Tynny captain, John Gee, from stealing the

show at the end with 26 not out from just 13 balls. However, Gee's contribution wasn't enough as they fell agonisingly short on 141-8, losing by just three runs.

Barry captain, Ashley Baker, would like to thank Mark Ewington and Glan Williams for umpiring the match, which was watched by a bumper crowd. Also, a massive thanks go to Ian Gadd, for somehow ensuring that the match was completed.

AB

Promotion joy for the Barry Athletic bowlers

BARRY Athletic's PG2 squad celebrated promotion with a fine win at Pontyclun last Saturday.

A weakened Athletic lineup battled superbly to collect a promotion confirming 11 points, with an overall 91 shots to 78 final score.

Two in-form skips – Ivor Stevenson and the consistent Colin Spillane – took the honours on a tricky green.

Ivor's rink, comprising Eric Booker, Barrie Turner and Albert Minter, had a 27 - 14 score, just one shot better than Colin's lineup.

Billy Wright's rink was involved in a close affair throughout and managed to earn a point with a 20 - 20 tie.

There was no joy for Gareth Humphreys' rink however as they fell away in the last quarter, having led 16 - 8 after 14 ends.

Paul Clarke's PG2 team have enjoyed a tremendous end-of-season run to lift them into a higher Private Greens division.

They virtually sealed their promotion the previous weekend with victories over Barry Plastics and Merthyr West End. Against visitors Merthyr Skips Gareth Humphreys (27 - 16) and John Donovan (21 - 11) were in match winning form.

Scores: C. Phillips, A. Pidduck, D. Newman, C. Spillane 27 - 15; E. Booker, B. Turner, A. Minter, I. Stevenson 27 - 14; R. Gillham, D. Coombs, P. Clarke, B. Wright 20 - 20; C. Rossiter, A. Thomas, J. Ball, G. Humphreys 17

- 29.

The Athletic's first side collected 12 points in their home fixture against Pontyclun in a PGI clash to keep alive their promotion hopes.

Skip Dean Rees had an eventful afternoon with his experienced lead Jack Beanland forced to withdraw after eight ends with a painful hip problem.

Jack was replaced by centenary committee chairman Don Evans. Don had originally scratched from the match due to a shoulder injury but was fortunately present as a spectator!

The mid-match change failed to affect proceedings and Don played his part as Dean's rink raced away to an impressive 31 - 16 success. There were also wins for Robert Horgan (26 - 18) and Glyn Thomas (24 - 20).

Scores: S. McKernan, D. Jones, R. Cowling, G. Thomas 24 - 20; D. Snelling, M. Vaughan, K. Harris, C. Wright 17 - 2; J. Beanland/D. Evans, P. Webley, B. Parrish, D. Rees 31 - 16; B. Summerell, G. Jones, J. Donovan, R. Horgan 26 - 18.

The Athletic's sixth and final centenary match at Barry Island

last Wednesday gave the home team another win.

South Vale Bowling Association were the visitors with president Dave Evans selecting six strong rinks to test the Island club.

However, the Athletic had the edge throughout and won the day with an overall 94 shots to 70.

D. K. Williams skipped his vastly experienced rink to a 25 - 9 triumph that included an eight and six in the score. John Ball, Albert Minter and John Horgan all played their part in the win.

The match was captained by Barry Athletic's longest serving member Russell Evans and was sponsored by D.K. Williams and Ceri Rossiter.

Scores: J. Ball, A. Minter, J. Horgan, D.K. Williams 25 - 9; C. Rossiter, G. Jones, D. Newman, G. Humphreys 11 - 12; B. Turner, P. Clarke, I. Stevenson, D. Snelling 17 - 8; R. Evans, J. Morton, C. Spillane, B. Parrish 19 - 21; A. Thomas, G. Phillips, J. Beanland, G. Whittaker 7 - 14; E. Booker, B. Summerell, M. Vaughan, J.P. Donovan 15 - 16

CP

Join the team!

SULLY SPORTS are looking for more dedicated footballers to join an established under-15 team (school year-10) for the coming season.

A spokesman said: "We are currently training on Mondays and Fridays at the Buttrill Fields, Barry. Winter training is provided once a week from October to March, on floodlit astro turf."

"We play in the Vale of Glamorgan Junior Football League, with matches on Saturday mornings."

Telephone 07754 761166 for more information.

JD

Defeat as the Dragons struggle

A fourth successive defeat and also a fourth successive game without a goal does not give a true reflection of how well, overall, the team has played over the past couple of weeks; The Dragons will play worse than this and win.

The past few games has seen the opposition create few chances and score, while The Dragons create goal scoring opportunities but just don't finish them.

Brigden were the better team for the majority of the first half but created only one chance of note, when on 20 minutes, a deep cross from the left found Drew Fahiya unmarked at the far post and he deftly headed across. Dan Bradley to give his team

BARRY TOWN	0
BRIDGEND TOWN	2

the lead.

It took until the 44th minute for the Dragons to create an opening but James Saddler's shot flew the wrong side of the post.

The Dragons were much the better side in the second half with a free kick from Tom Ramasut going close and Ryan Jenkins and Mike Hartley both going close.

Brigden were being penned back and were resorting to quick breaks to get back into the game and it was from one of these breaks that a rash challenge on Fahiya resulted in a penalty. Fortunately the ball struck an upright and was cleared.

More chances were created by The Dragons but they just could not get the breakthrough.

Brigden were reduced to 10 men for the final 15 minutes when Josh Collins was given a straight red for a rash challenge on Ryan Jenkins who took several minutes to get back to his feet.

Despite the recent results confidence is high and it just needs that bit of luck and the team will get back to winning ways.

Dragons: Dan Bradley; Geraint Frowen (sub M Parkins), Damon Searle; Lewis Cosslett, Dan Clare (Capt), James Saddler (sub Josh Bell), Tom Ramasut, Scott Jones, Mike Hartley, Ryan Jenkins, Atif Bashir. Subs (not used): Lee Baldock, Rhys Lewis, Brendan Cropley.

HARD-FOUGHT WIN FOR DINAS POWYS

AS expected, the visitors started this game in determined fashion and bossed the first 10 minutes with quick one touch passing without really threatening the Dinas goal.

However Dinas gradually got into their stride with a good run and cross from Rhys Davies somehow evading everyone in the six yard box.

Matt Trotman then threaded a fine ball through to Gareth Tedstone but he was crowded out before he could get a shot away.

Tata looked dangerous on the break forcing a number of corners which were dealt with well by the Dinas rearguard. Ricki Morgan then jinked his way through from midfield and his cross was met by Richard Yarr at the far post but his header didn't have enough power to trouble Tata keeper Matthew Stanton.

Trotman was having a fine game in midfield, winning the second ball on numerous occasions, shooting off target from 16 yards and just a couple of minutes later a cross from him found Yarr in space but he was adjudged offside.

The breakthrough finally came in the 37th minute when a high ball through from Morgan was challenged for in the air by Tedstone and he managed to loop the ball over Stanton into the net to give Dinas the lead which they maintained until the interval despite

DINAS POWYS 3
TATA STEEL 2

some pressure from the visitors.

Dinas started the second half well with captain Chris Hinam up from the back to glance a Trotman free kick just over the bar.

The away side began to get back into the game and with just 12 minutes gone, equalised when Liam Suroka volled a superb shot home from a left wing cross. The home defence claimed offside but the goal was allowed to stand.

The home team were showing great determination and composure and got their reward with 20 minutes remaining when a fine ball through the channel by Yarr found Tedstone and he finished superbly from just inside the area with a low shot right in the corner.

The home supporters' elation was soon thwarted just three minutes later when a Tata free kick found Chris Parfitt and he finished well to level the score again.

The hosts sensed the visitors were tiring slightly and pressed hard, forcing a number of corners, and from one of these, Tedstone, fancying bagging a hat-trick, volleyed powerfully, but the effort was high and wide.

Yarr was then replaced by Liam Jeremy and he was soon in the action forcing another corner which Stanton managed to catch.

Dinas were not to be

denied the win however and a great cross from left back Mike Lewis found Trotman in space and he drilled the ball into the net from 15 yards giving Stanton no chance.

Dinas saw out the remaining few minutes superbly, with big Paul McCarthy taking the ball into the corner and earning Dinas several throw-ins to deny the visitors any chance to mount any further attacks.

It was a fine win against a strong side who will no doubt be up their challenging for promotion towards the end of the season.

Dinas: 1 Damien Lack, 2 Rhys Davies, 3 Chris Hinam(c), 4 Mike Lewis, 5 Dave Pennikett, 6 Kyle Offer, 7 Ricki Morgan, 8 Matt Trotman(1), 9 Mark Dunford, 10 Gareth Tedstone(2), 11 Richard Yarr, 12 Dave Blackwell, 14 Paul McCarthy, 15 Jordan Phillips, 16 Geza Hajgato, 17 Liam Jeremy.

Dinas are in Cup action for the next two Saturdays, commencing with the long trip west down the M4 to take on Ammanford in the second qualifying round of the Welsh Cup on September 3 with a 2.30pm kick off.

Further information can be found on the club's website at: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk.

PK

Young footballers wanted by Celts

BARRY Celts football club are seeking players for an established under-9 team for next season (year-4 in school from September).

We are also seeking under-8s for a new side (years 2 and 3 in school from September).

There is an open training session on Sunday, August 28 at 10.30am at the Buttrills (community centre side).

MB